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Attached please find Mayfield Ranch LLC's response to Juniper Station Farm, LLC's Petition to Cancel and Void Permit Nos. 61-12090, 61-12096, 63-32499, and 63-35473.

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BEFORE THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT NO. 61-12090 (NEVID LLC); PERMIT NO. 61-12096 (NEVID LLC); PERMIT NO. 63-32499 (MAYFIELD TOWNSITE LLC); AND PERMIT NO. 63-35473 (MAYFIELD RANCH LLC) MAYFIELD RANCH'S INITIAL RESPONSE TO JUNIPER'S PETITION TO CANCEL AND VOID PERMIT NOS. 61-12090, 61-12096, 63-32499, AND 63-35473

Mayfield Ranch LLC ("Mayfield Ranch"), by and through its attorneys of record, Givens Pursley LLP, pursuant to the Department's Rule of Procedure 220.02.b, IDAPA

37.01.01.220.02.b, hereby responds to the Petition to Cancel and Void Permit Nos. 61-12090,

61-12096, 63-32499, and 63-35473 ("Petition") filed by Juniper Station Farm, LLC ("Juniper")

on February 10, 2025.

Juniper asks the Department to "set a hearing in order to cancel and void permit nos. 61-

12090 (Nevid, LLC), 61-12096 (Nevid, LLC), 63-32499 (Mayfield Townsite, LLC), and 63-

35473 (Mayfield Ranch, LLC) " Petition at 1. Juniper cites Idaho Code Section 42-303,

which provides that the Department "shall issue a notice" upon receipt of a petition for

cancellation of a permit, and shall set a hearing "not less than sixty (60) nor more than ninety

(90) days from the date of the notice" for the permit holder to show cause why the permit should

not be cancelled. *Petition* at 5-6; I.C. § 42-303.

SUPPORT DATA IN FILE # <u>61-12090</u> Here, the Department has not yet issued any notice pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-303. Nevertheless, Mayfield Ranch files this response in accordance with the Department's Rules of Procedure which require the filing of responses to motions within 14 days of the filing of a motion. IDAPA 37.01.01.220.02.b.¹ This response is filed without prejudice to Mayfield Ranch's rights to further respond to the *Petition* pursuant to Title 42, Idaho Code, or otherwise.

Mayfield Ranch disagrees with the legal and factual allegations set forth in the *Petition*, and disputes that its accompanying *Declaration of Mike Eisenman* accurately or completely describes the work that has been completed toward developing Mayfield Ranch's permit no. 63-35473 ("Mayfield Ranch's Permit").

Mayfield Ranch's Permit authorizes groundwater diversions up to 3.48 cfs and 1503.4 acre-feet per year for municipal use. It was originally authorized in 2016 as part of parent permit no. 63-32499, and Mayfield Ranch acquired its interests in that permit in 2022 and 2023 resulting in what is now Mayfield Ranch's Permit. Mayfield Ranch's municipal water use is intended to supply a planned community, which among other things requires obtaining county land use approvals. Mayfield Ranch has diligently worked to obtain the necessary land use approvals and has incurred significant expense in pursuit of developing the planned community and putting Mayfield Ranch's Permit to beneficial use, including without limitation:

- project planning and design;
- ordering, purchasing, and installing infrastructure equipment and materials for the planned community; and
- working through county processes required to develop the planned community and put municipal water to beneficial use under the permit.

¹ Juniper questions in its *Petition* whether its filing is a "petition" under I.C. § 42-301 or a "motion" under IDAPA 37.01.01.220. Due to this uncertainty, Mayfield Ranch is filing this response in accordance with IDAPA 37.01.01.220.02.b.

Mayfield Ranch is entitled to develop Mayfield Ranch's Permit in accordance with Idaho law, including pursuant to extensions authorized under Idaho Code Section 42-204. Section 42-204 provides statutory rights to obtain extensions that the Idaho Legislature granted more specifically and more recently than the general authorities provided in the statutes Juniper relies upon in its *Petition* (which were enacted in 1909 and have not been subsequently amended).

If and when IDWR issues a notice pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-203, Mayfield Ranch will participate in that process as required by statute and Department Rules and orders.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of February, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 24th day of February, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed electronically with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (<u>file@idwr.idaho.gov</u>) and served by email to the following:

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