STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT No. 1898

This Lease Contract ("**Lease**") is between the Idaho Water Resource Board ("**Board**"), and

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

LESSOR: MAX J BINGHAM
PO BOX 688
WEDOWEE, AL 36278-0688

RECITALS

1. The Board is authorized under chapter 17, title 42, Idaho Code to operate a water supply bank and to contract with lessors to act as an intermediary in facilitating the rental of water.

2. The Lessor has filed a completed application to lease water rights described below into the Water Supply Bank on forms supplied by the Idaho Department of Water Resources and received by the Department on September 16, 2024.

3. The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources has reviewed the application for compliance with the Water Supply Bank rules and has approved the Lease subject to conditions listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and contracts herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **WATER RIGHTS**: The Lessor shall lease and the Board shall accept into the Bank the Applicant's water rights described as follows:

Summary of Water Rights or Portions Leased to the Bank

Water Right No.	Priority Date	Source	Diversion Rate (CFS)	Diversion Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)
34-14527	6/1/1885	BIG LOST RIVER, tributary to SINKS	0.030	Not Stated	4.00
34-14526	6/1/1897	BIG LOST RIVER, tributary to SINKS	0.030	Not Stated	4.00
34-14528	9/13/1961	GROUND WATER	0.070	Not Stated	4.00
34-14529	4/1/1977	GROUND WATER	0.010	Not Stated	4.00
Combined Limit Totals			**0.10**	**Not Stated**	**4.00**
Combined Lease Totals			**0.14**	**Not Stated**	**4.00**

SUPPORT DATA
IN FILE # 34-14526

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Summary of Water Rights Elements Rentable From the Bank

Water Right	Diversion Rate (CFS)	Diversion Volume (AF)	Acres (Limited) (AC)	Rate Per Acre (CFS/AC)	Volume Per Acre (AF/AC)
34-14527	0.030	5.95	1.7	0.018	3.5
34-14526	0.030	5.60	1.6	0.019	3.5
34-14528	0.070	12.25	3.5	0.020	3.5
34-14529	0.010	14.00	4.0	0.003	3.5
Combined Limit Totals	**0.100**	**14.00**	**4.0**	**0.025**	**3.5**

The water right elements rentable include a defined volume limit that is based on the regional field headgate irrigation standard of 3.5 afa/acre.

2. **COMPENSATION**: The Lessor shall accept and the Board shall pay compensation determined by the amount of water rented under the following rental rate during such times as the water is rented from the Bank over the term of this Lease.

   Minimum Payment Acceptable: Current Rental Rate

3. **TERM OF LEASE**: The term of this lease shall be January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028. This Lease shall bind the parties and take effect when both parties have signed it.

4. **WATER SUPPLY BANK CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE**: The Lessor shall abide by all terms and conditions contained in the Water Supply Bank Conditions of Acceptance, attached hereto as "Attachment A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

5. **CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT:** This lease specifies water right elements including but not limited to: diversion rates; diversion volumes; number of acres authorized to be irrigated; places of use; points of diversion; beneficial uses; and seasons of use. During the term of this lease, if a water right is administratively changed due to a water right split and renumbering, this lease may be reduced by an equal amount to reflect the water right elements as legally defined under the water right. If a lease contract cannot be reduced sufficient to reflect the legal definition of a water right as amended through a water right split and/or water right transfer, the Board may release the water right from the Water Supply Bank.

6. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** This lease is between the Board and the Lessor, who is the recognized owner or designated representative of the recognized owners of water rights described herein. Should ownership of any part of a water right herein described change during the term of this lease, either through a water right split, a water right transfer, sale of property to which the water right is appurtenant, or through any other recognized water right reassignment, the lease benefits and obligations to the conditions of acceptance for any such water rights will be assigned to the new owners.

7. **DUPLICATE ORIGINAL**: This Lease is executed in duplicate. Each of the documents with an original signature of each party shall be an original.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the date following their respective signatures.

LESSOR: MAX J BINGHAM
PO BOX 688
WEDOWEE, AL 36278-0688

By _____
Title Lessor
Date 6-30-2025

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD
322 East Front Street
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0098

By _____ Date 7/9/25
Brian Patton, Executive Manager
Idaho Water Resource Board

Lease approved by IDWR _____ Date 7/9/25

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ATTACHMENT A
WATER SUPPLY BANK CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

The water rights or portions thereof leased to the bank are described as follows:

Source and Location of Point(s) of Diversion for Water Right No(s): 34-14526, 34-14527

BIG LOST RIVER	NENWNE	Sec. 24	Twp 06N	Rge 25E	CUSTER County

Source and Location of Point(s) of Diversion for Water Right No(s): 34-14528, 34-14529

GROUND WATER	NWSESW	Sec. 19	Twp 06N	Rge 26E	CUSTER County

Water Right	Beneficial Use	Season of Use			Diversion Rate (CFS)	Volume (AF)
		From		To		
34-14526	IRRIGATION	05/01	to	10/15	0.030 cfs	Not Stated
34-14527	IRRIGATION	05/01	to	10/15	0.030 cfs	Not Stated
34-14528	IRRIGATION	04/01	to	11/01	0.070 cfs	Not Stated
34-14529	IRRIGATION	04/01	to	10/31	0.010 cfs	Not Stated
				Totals:	0.100 cfs	Not Stated

PLACES OF USE TO BE IDLED UNDER THIS LEASE: IRRIGATION

Twp	Rng	Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
06N	26E	19												2.0			2.0		4.0

Total Acres: 4.0

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

1. The water rights referenced above will be rented from the bank at the current rental rate.
2. There is no rental payment to the lessor of the water right if the right or a part thereof is not rented from the bank.
3. While a right is in the bank, the lessor may not use the right without approval of the Department even if the right is not rented from the bank. Any violation of the terms of this lease may result in enforcement procedures pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-351 for illegal diversion and use of water and may include civil penalties pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1701B.
4. A right accepted into the bank stays in the bank until the Board releases it, or the lease term expires. A right may be released from the bank upon request, provided the Board approves the release. Unless approved by the Department, leased rights may not be immediately available for release.
5. While a water right is in the bank, forfeiture provisions are stayed pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-223(5).
6. Rental of water under this right is subject to the limitations and conditions of approval of the water right.

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7. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of acceptance is cause for the Director to rescind acceptance of the lease.
8. Acceptance of a right into the bank does not, in itself, confirm the validity of the right or any elements of the water right, or improve the status of the right including the notion of resumption of use. It does not preclude the opportunity for review of the validity of this water right in any other Department application process.
9. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-248 and § 42-1409(6), all owners of water rights are required to notify the Department of any changes in mailing address or change in ownership of all or part of a water right. Notice must be provided within 120 days of the change.
10. If a water right leased into the Water Supply Bank is sold or conveyed during the lease term, and if the leased right was rented, the rental proceeds will be disbursed in the following manner regardless of any arrangements between the buyer(s) and seller(s) to the contrary:
    a. Rental payments will go to the lessor(s) of record at the beginning of the rental season, even if the Department processes a Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership during the rental season.
    b. New lessor(s) of record will receive payment for any subsequent rental seasons.
11. The water right(s) is leased to the bank subject to all prior water rights and shall be administered in accordance with Idaho law and applicable rules of the Department of Water Resources.
12. Right no. 34-14529 is an enlargement of 0.5 acres within the place of use described for the right.
13. Water right nos. 34-14526, 34-14527, 34-14528, & 34-14529 are limited to the irrigation of a combined total of 4.0 acres and a combined diversion rate of 0.10 cfs in a single irrigation season.
14. Water right 34-14529 is subordinate to all water rights with a priority date earlier than April 12, 1994, that are not decreed as enlargements pursuant to section 42-1426, Idaho Code. As between water rights decreed as enlargements pursuant to section 42-1426, Idaho Code, the earlier priority right is the superior right.
15. The period of use for irrigation described above may be extended in seasons of unusual characteristics to a beginning date of 04-20 and an ending date of 10-31 at the discretion of the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources for water rights 34-14526 & 34-14527.
16. Water for water rights 34-14526 and 34-14527 is delivered through private ditch just upstream from the Lower Burnett Diversion structure.
17. Right no. 34-14529 is an enlargement of 34-14528 pursuant to section 42-1426, Idaho Code.
18. Use of water under this right may be regulated by a watermaster with responsibility for the distribution of water among appropriators within a water district. At the time of this approval, this water right is within State Water District No. 34.

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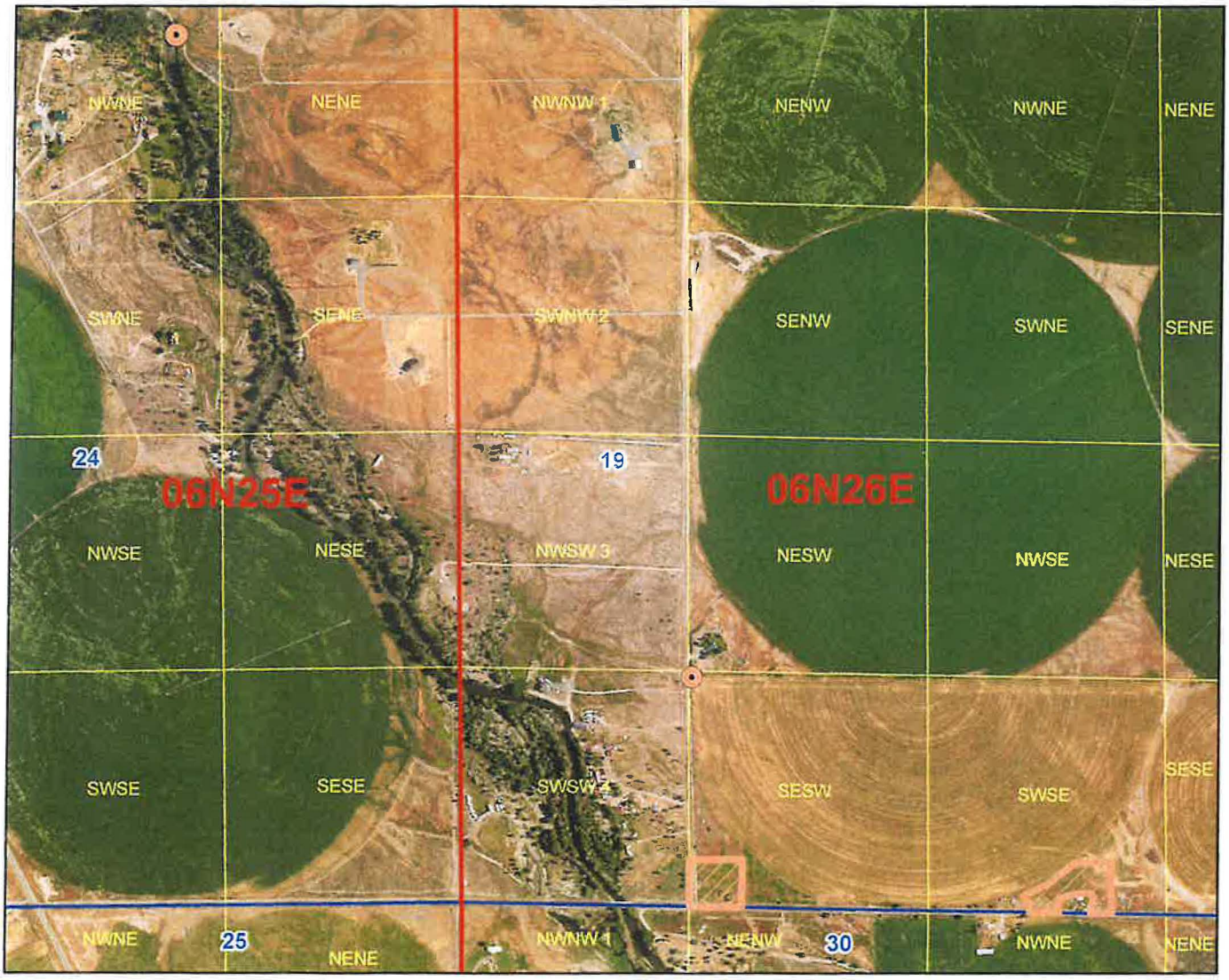
34-14526, 34-14527, 34-14528 & 34-14529
Effective until December 31, 2028

This map depicts the **place of use** to be idled pursuant to the lease contract and is attached to the contract solely for illustrative purposes.



Approved Lease POD
Approved Lease POU
Township/Range
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SEP 16 2024
DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES

APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK

Designated Applicant Max J Bingham
(Select one owner – see item 1A on the application)

Water Right No. 34-14527
(One water right per application)

Is this application being submitted with a rental application as a lease/rental package? Yes ☐ No ☑

This application must be prepared in accordance with the minimum requirement checklist below. Use this checklist to ensure all necessary documentation has been provided. This checklist is part of the lease application and must be included with the lease application. **Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be processed and may be returned or denied.**

MIMUMUM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST
All items must be checked as either *Attached* (Yes) or *Not Applicable* (N/A)

	Yes	
	☑	Completed *Application to Sell or Lease a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank.*
	☑	Application filing fee of $250.00 per water right. If you are submitting more than one lease application and the water rights have an overlapping, common place of use, or a common diversion rate or volume, the total fee for all water rights is $500.00. For places of use, multiple water rights must be used to irrigate the same lands in order to qualify for the joint filing fee. Individual filing fees are required for water rights that share a common permissible place of use but which cover separate acres within the permissible place of use.
	☑	Confirmation this form has been printed **single sided**, per requirement of the Water Supply Bank.

Attachment	N/A	Yes	
1A	☐	☑	Signatures and contact information for ***all owners*** of the water right to be leased or sold on this application.
1B	☐	☑	An Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9 for the Designated Applicant.
1C	☑	☐	*Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership* form (accessible from www.idwr.idaho.gov).
1D	☐	☑	Contact information for an authorized representative and documentary proof they are authorized to represent the Designated Applicant on this application. If the Designated Applicant is a business, partnership, municipality, organization or association, include documents identifying officers authorized to sign or act on behalf of the entity.
2	☐	☑	Description of a water right portion offered to the Water Supply Bank.
3	☐	☑	A map that clearly outlines the specific location where irrigated acres will be dried up, or where a beneficial use of water will be suspended. You have the option of printing a map using the map tool on IDWR's website at: www.idwr.idaho.gov.
4A	☐	☑	Written consent from irrigation district or water delivery company.
4G	☑	☐	Evidence demonstrating the water right has not been forfeited pursuant to Section 42-222(2), Idaho Code.

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Fee Amount $ 500.	Received By: KM	Date Received: 9.16.24	Receipt # C118875
W-9 received? Yes ☑ No ☐	(Route W-9 to Fiscal)	Name on W-9: Max J Bingham	

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1. CONTACT INFORMATION

A. This application must be completed by a Designated Applicant who is a current owner of the water right being sold or leased to the Water Supply Bank. If there are additional current owners, those individuals must authorize the Designated Applicant to represent them on this application by completing and signing Attachment 1A of this application package.

Designated Applicant Max J Bingham

Mailing Address PO Box 688 (Street) Wedowee (City) AL (State) 36278 (Zip Code)

Email Address bngmax@aol.com Phone Number 208-588-2080

☐ The Designated Applicant is the sole owner of the water right being sold or leased to the Water Supply Bank.

OR

☑ The Designated Applicant is representing additional water right holders who have completed Attachment 1A.

B. Has the Designated Applicant submitted an IRS Form W-9 to this Department within the last 2 years? Yes ☐ No ☑
If no, complete the form and attach to this application (Attachment 1B).

C. Are all applicants on this form listed in IDWR's records as the current owners of the water right? Yes ☑ No ☐
If no, attach a *Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership* form along with the required documentation and fee (Attachment 1C).

D. Is this application being completed by an authorized representative of the Designated Applicant? Yes ☑ No ☐
If yes, representatives (includes employees of Designated Applicant companies) must complete this section and submit documentary proof of their authority to represent the Designated Applicant (Attachment 1D).

Name of Representative Kristin Moore Organization Rocky Mountain Environmental Assoc., Inc.

Professional Title Senior Water Rights Analyst Email Address kristin.rmea@gmail.com

Mailing Address 482 Constitution Way Ste 303, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 Phone Number 208-524-2353

☐ Send all correspondence for this application to the representative and not to the Designated Applicant.

OR

☑ Send original correspondence to the Designated Applicant and copies to the representative.

2. DESCRIPTION OF WATER RIGHT OFFERED TO THE BANK

☐ The full water right is being offered to the Bank.

OR

☑ A part of the water right is being offered to the Bank.
If a portion of the water right is being offered, **complete Attachment 2.**

3. MAP

Attach a map of the point(s) of diversion and place(s) of use proposed to be idled by this lease application. Make sure the idled place of use is outlined and annotated with legal land descriptions (Township, Range, Section and Quarter-Quarters) or with GPS coordinates. For irrigation purposes, mark the number of acres you desire to idle. If the water right proposed for lease is located within a permissible place of use (PPU) and portions of the PPU will continue to receive water from non-leased water rights, clearly outline on a map the acres within the PPU that will continue to be irrigated, as well as acres that will be idled during the lease term. Label the map **Attachment 3.**

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4. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Is the diversion works or system owned or managed by an irrigation district or water delivery company? Yes ☑ No ☐
If yes, provide written consent from the company, corporation or irrigation district authorizing the proposed sale or lease (Attachment 4A).

If your water right is delivered through a canal, lateral or ditch operated by a canal company, irrigation district, or similar delivery entity, your lease request must include written consent from the company, district, or similar entity for your removal of water from its system pursuant to Section 42-108, Idaho Code and IDAPA WSB Rule 37.02.03.25.02e.

B. Please provide a description of the current water diversion and delivery system.
Water is diverted from the Big Lost River through Lower Burnett ditch to property.

C. Describe any other water rights used for the same purpose at the same place of use as the water right being offered to the Bank. Water right nos. 34-14526, 34-14527, 34-14528, and 34-14529 all share a permissible place of use. Proportionate shares of each right are being offered to the Bank.

D. Are any of the water rights identified in Section 4C stacked with the water right proposed for lease? Yes ☑ No ☐

Stacked water rights are used together to achieve a common beneficial use, such as irrigation of the same lands. Stacked water rights cannot be separated and must be jointly leased to the Water Supply Bank. Stacked water rights qualify for the multiple fee payment of $500.

E. Will the present place of use continue to receive water from any other source? Yes ☐ No ☑

If yes, explain the relationship between the different water sources and how enlargement of the authorized use will not occur if this water right is leased. _____

F. Identify annual volumes and/or rates of water diverted in the last 5 years to accomplish the beneficial use authorized by this water right. This right has been in the Water Supply Bank for the last 10 years and has been rented out each year.

G. Has any portion of this water right undergone a period of five or more consecutive years of non-use? Yes ☑ No ☐

If yes, describe the circumstances and attach evidence to demonstrate how the water right has not been lost through forfeiture (Attachment 4G). See Section 42-223, Idaho Code for exceptions to forfeiture. Your application may be denied if forfeiture concerns are not addressed. Water Supply Bank Lease Contract No. 402 from 2014 - 2018 and Contract No. 974 from 2019-2023.

H. Is this water right involved in any other IDWR process, such as an application for transfer or a mitigation plan?

If yes, describe. Yes ☑ No ☐
The water right is currently undergoing a change of ownership with a split. Only the portion that will be retained by the applicant is being offered to the WSB.

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5. SALE/LEASE AGREEMENT

A. Is the water right, or portion thereof, offered to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) for sale ☐ or lease ☑?

If lease, specify the years when the use of water will be suspended: 2024 (Year) to 2028 (Year) (maximum lease period 5 calendar years).

B. Show the minimum payment acceptable to the seller/lessor. The minimum payment may be shown as the "current rental rate" as established by the IWRB. Include the method of determining the minimum payment if other than the current rental rate.

Current Rental Rate

I hereby assert that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I have the authorities necessary to offer this water right for sale or lease to the Idaho Water Resource Board.

The Designated Applicant acknowledges the following:

1. Payment to the Designated Applicant is contingent upon the sale or rental of the water right from the Bank.
2. While a water right is in the Bank, the seller/lessor of the water right may not use the water right, even if the water right is not rented from the Bank.
3. A water right accepted into the Bank stays in the Bank until the Designated Applicant receives written confirmation from the Board or Water Supply Bank that the water right has been released from the Bank.
4. While a water right is in the Bank, forfeiture is stayed.
5. Acceptance of a water right into the Bank does not, in itself, confirm the validity of the water right or any element of the water right.

Max Bingham	Max Bingham	8-30-2024
Signature of Designated Applicant	Printed Name	Date
Cheryl Bingham	Cheryl Bingham	8-30-24
Signature of Authorized Representative	Printed Name	Date

Mail to:
Idaho Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0098

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ATTACHMENT 1A

Additional Water Right Holders Party to the Lease Application

For the water right on this application, list all owners (individuals or business entities) of the right or the property to which it is appurtenant. All water right holders must sign a Water Supply Bank Lease Application. However, only the Designated Applicant needs to provide a completed IRS Form W-9 (Attachment 1B). **All correspondence and any financial payment associated with the rental of this water right will be directed to the Designated Applicant.** If additional space is needed to list any other water right holders, attach a second copy of Attachment 1A.

If submitting multiple applications, it is only necessary to complete one Attachment 1A for the group of applications. List each water right below.

Water Right No(s). 34-14526, 34-14527, 34-14528, 34-14529

	Designated Applicant	Applicant #2	Applicant #3
Name	Max J Bingham	Cheryl J Bingham	
Mailing Address	PO Box 688 Wedowee, AL 36278	PO Box 688 Wedowee, AL 36278	
Phone Number	208-~~588-2080~~ 208-681-3311	208-~~588-2080~~ 208-339-7688	
Email Address			
Applicant Declaration	As Designated Applicant, I submit this lease application on behalf of all other water right holders.	I authorize the Designated Applicant to submit this application on my behalf.	I authorize the Designated Applicant to submit this application on my behalf.
Signature			

	Applicant #4	Applicant #5	Applicant #6
Name			
Mailing Address			
Phone Number			
Email Address			
Applicant Declaration	I authorize the Designated Applicant to submit this application on my behalf.	I authorize the Designated Applicant to submit this application on my behalf.	I authorize the Designated Applicant to submit this application on my behalf.
Signature			

Attachment #1D

Authority to Act on Behalf

Max and Cheryl Bingham hereby authorize Rocky Mountain Environmental Associates to act on our behalf regarding the Water Supply Bank applications for water right numbers 34-14526, 34-14527, 34-14528, and 34-14529.

Max Bingham

Cheryl Bingham

Cheryl Bingham

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Complete Attachment 2 if only a portion of the water right is offered to the Bank.

ATTACHMENT 2

DESCRIPTION OF A WATER RIGHT PORTION OFFERED TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK

1.

Water Right Number	Nature of Use	Leased Rate (cfs)	Leased Volume (af)	Leased Acres (ac)
34-14527	Irrigation	0.03		4.0
				Acre Limit: 1.7
	Total Amounts:			

2. Source of water Big Lost River tributary to Sinks

3. Point(s) of diversion:

Twp	Rge	Sec	Lot	¼	¼	¼	County
6N	25E	24		NE	NW	NE	CUSTER

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

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Legend

- POD 34-14526 et al
- POU 34-14526 et al
- Lease POU 2024-2028
- Twp & Rng
- Section
- QQ

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Attachment 3. Lease Locations

Max Bingham

RMEA # 14-0035	
by: KM	
Date: 8/20/2024	

Rocky Mountain ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC.