

State of Idaho
Department of Water Resources
RECOMMENDATION FORM

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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGION

Re: Transfer No. 89820

Water Right No(s): 41-7029A

Transfer Applicant's Name: BENSON RANCH TRUST
TERRI BENSON, TRUSTEE
1590 CALICO CIRCLE
POCATELLO ID 83201-7121

Recommendation:

a) _____ I do not oppose approval of this application.

b) X I do not oppose approval of this application if it is conditioned as follows:

"Wildlife" should be removed from the application as a beneficial use. IDFG believes that inclusion of "Wildlife" as a proposed beneficial use for water right/transfer applications is justified when lack of water availability is a limiting factor in for priority wildlife populations that IDFG seeks to increase. In such situations, the applicant should describe the species that are currently limited by water availability, and how the water use will perpetuate or grow their populations in their specific environment. This does not appear to be an element of the existing application and IDFG is not aware of how this water right is essential for priority wildlife populations.

c) _____ I oppose approval of this application for the following reasons:

d) _____ Additional comments:

Dated this 12 day of June , 2025

Idaho Department of Fish & Game



Signature

Bradley Dawson

Printed Name

Maline, Denise

From: Dawson,Bradley
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:03 PM
To: Maline, Denise
Cc: Mills, Bill
Subject: FW: Comment Letter for Transfer 89820 (Benson Ranch Trust)
Attachments: Transfer 89820 (Benson Ranch Trust).pdf; IDFG Condition_Benson Ranch Trust.pdf

Hello Denise and Bill,

Please find IDFG comments in the attached form, and below:

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Best,

Bradley Dawson
Regional Technical Assistance Manager
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
208-644-6310



From: Maline, Denise <Denise.Maline@idwr.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:52 AM
To: Dawson,Bradley <bradley.dawson@idfg.idaho.gov>
Subject: Comment Letter for Transfer 89820 (Benson Ranch Trust)

Hi Bradley,

Attached is an application for transfer currently being processed by the department. Please review the application and provide any necessary comments within 21 days.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Bill Mills at our office.

Thank you in advance,

Denise @ IDWR Twin Falls



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