

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT No. 2030

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

LESSOR: MIDLAND FARM LLC
5001 N FIFESHIRE PL
BOISE, ID 83713-1802

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 May 09, 2025.
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)
63-35693	2/7/1951	GROUND WATER	0.33	78.3	17.4
Lease Totals			0.33	78.3	17.4

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, 2025 to December 31, 2029. 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.

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- 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.

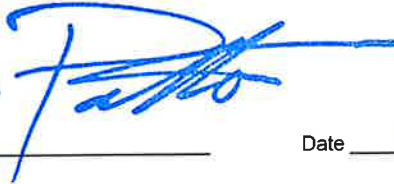
LESSOR: MIDLAND FARM LLC
5001 N FIFESHIRE PL
BOISE, ID 83713-1802

By David L. Palfreyman
Title Manager
Date 19 Sept. 2025



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

By Brian Patton
Brian Patton, Executive Manager
Idaho Water Resource Board



Date 9/23/25

Lease approved by IDWR HP

Date 9/23/25

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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): 63-35693

GROUND WATER SWSW Sec. 3 Twp 03N Rge 02W CANYON County

Water Right	Beneficial Use	Season of Use			Diversion Rate (CFS)	Volume (AF)
		From		To		
63-35693	IRRIGATION	03/15	to	11/01	0.33 cfs	78.3 AF
Totals:					0.33 cfs	78.3 AF

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	
03N	02W	3											17.4						17.4

Total Acres: 17.4

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.
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.

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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. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.02 cfs per acre nor more than 4.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
13. This right may only be rented for use as a supplemental right in conjunction with primary surface water from Pioneer Irrigation District.
14. Right No. 63-19807 is also diverted through point of diversion described above.

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63-35693
Effective until December 31, 2029

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.



Legend

-  Water Supply Bank Lease Point of Diversion
-  Water Supply Bank Lease Place of Use
-  Township/Range
-  Sections
- QQ



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RECEIVED

MAY 09 2025 APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT
TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK

DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES

Midland Farm LLC

Applicant / Designated Lessor

(Select one owner – see item 1A on the application)

Water Right No.

35693
63-2848

(One water right per application)

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

If yes, include renter and rental fee payment information as attachment 5B.

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.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

Check All Items as Either Attached (Yes) or Not Applicable (N/A)

Yes

Completed *Application to Sell or Lease a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank*, printed **single sided**, per requirement of 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.

N/A Yes Attachments



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 Applicant / Designated Lessor.

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 Applicant on this application. If the 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.

5B

Rental rate and owner payment agreement between lessor and renter for lease/rental packages.

Department Use Only

Fee Amount \$

250.00

Received By:

KM

Date Received:

5. 9. 25

Receipt #

C121167

W-9 received? Yes ☐ No ☒

(Route W-9 to Fiscal)

Name on W-9:

3228

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(Continued)

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

- A. The applicant or designated lessor must be listed as a current owner of the water right offered for sale or lease to the Water Supply Bank. If there are multiple current owners, choose one owner as the Designated Lessor. Complete and attach the Designated Lessor - Attachment 1A of this application package with the signatures of all current owners.

Applicant / Designated Lessor Midland Farm LLC

Mailing Address <u>5001 N Fifeshire Place</u>	<u>Boise</u>	ID <u>83713</u>	
Street	City	State	Zip Code

Email Address <u>palfreyman.d@icloud.com</u>	Phone Number <u>208-860-2303</u>
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☒ The Applicant is the sole owner of the water right being sold or leased to the Water Supply Bank.

OR

☐ The Designated Lessor is representing additional water right holders who have completed Attachment 1A.

- B. Has the Designated Lessor / Applicant submitted an IRS Form W-9 to this Department within 6 months? 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 Water Right Holder? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, representatives (includes employees of Water Right Holder companies) must complete this section and submit documentary proof of their authority to represent the Water Right Holder (Attachment 1D).

Name of Representative Lori Graves Organization HDR

Professional Title Water Rights Specialist Email Address lori.graves@hdrinc.com

Mailing Address 412 E Parkcenter Blvd, Ste 100, Boise, 83706 Phone Number 208-387-7000

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

OR

☒ Send original correspondence to the Designated Lessor / 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 and none will still be used.

OR

☒ A portion of the water right is being offered to the Bank and a portion will still be used.

If a portion of the water right is being offered, **complete Attachment 2.**

3. MAP

Attach a map. The map must locate the point of diversion from the source of water and the location of the lands to be idled or the place where the water will no longer be used. The map must also show townships, ranges, sections, and government lots. **For irrigation purposes**, mark the number of acres for lease **per** 40-acre tract (1/4-1/4). 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. Identify the owner of the water delivery system or well Applicant
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. (Label Attachment 4A)
- B. Please provide a description of the current water diversion and delivery system, including source, pump, pipeline or diversion.
Well, pump, gravity irrigation system
- C. Describe any other water sources, including municipal, irrigation company shares, or water rights with combined limits to the water right offered to the bank, which are used for the same purpose at the same place of use as the water right being offered to the Bank. Pioneer Irrigation District (PID) shares
- 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, and usually have combined limits in the conditions of the water rights. 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, including those listed in 4C? 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. 63-2848 is a supplemental ground water right. Surface water will be used exclusively.
- F. 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 (Label Attachment 4G). See Section 42-223, Idaho Code for exceptions to forfeiture, including lease into the Bank. Your application may be denied if forfeiture concerns are not addressed.
- G. Identify annual volumes and/or rates of water diverted (used) in the last 5 years to accomplish the beneficial use authorized by this water right. n/a - supplemental right
- 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

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5. SALE/LEASE CONTRACT

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

If lease, specify the first calendar year when the use of water will be suspended: 2025

All lease contracts are for a calendar year from January 1st to December 31st (year)

*Mark Desired Lease Duration (Calendar Years)					
☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☒ 5	Other Term Length (# of years): *Prior IWRB approval required

B. Show the minimum payment acceptable to the seller/lessor. If lease, the minimum payment may be shown as the "current rental rate" as established by the IWRB, or a negotiated rental rate with submittal of an agreement between the lessor and the renter. *The owner payment is 90% of the rental fee. The administrative fee retained by the IWRB is 10% of either the current rental rate or the negotiated rental fee, whichever is higher. Include the method of determining the minimum payment if submitted as a companion lease rental package, and whether the owner payment will be paid directly to the lessor from the renter or if owner payment should be collected by the Department from the renter for payment to the lessor. (Label attachment 5B).*
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 Lessor / Applicant acknowledges the following:

1. Payment to the Designated Lessor / 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 Lessor / 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.

MIDLAND FARM LLC
BY: LA [Signature] MGR
Signature of Designated Lessor or Applicant

DAVID L. PALFREYMAN
Printed Name

7 MAY 2025
Date

Signature of Co-Applicant

Printed Name

Date

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Date

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

Print Form

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

ATTACHMENT 2

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

1. <u>Water Right Number</u>	<u>Nature of Use</u>	<u>Leased Rate</u> (cfs)	<u>Leased Volume</u> (af)	<u>Leased Acres</u> (ac)
63-2848	Irrigation	0.33	78.3	17.4
				17.4
	Total Amounts:	0.33	78.3	17.4

2. Source of water Ground Water tributary to _____

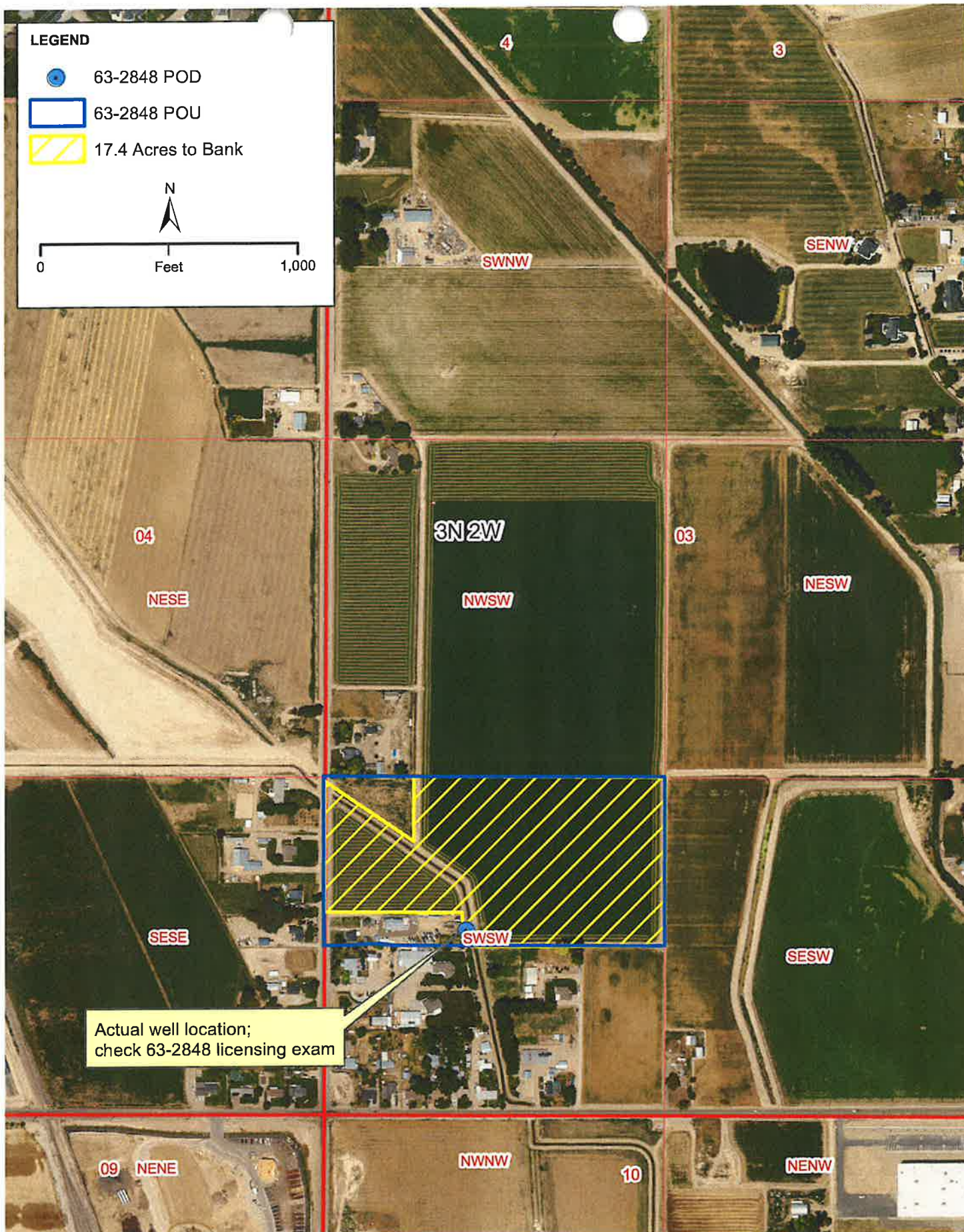
3. **Point(s) of diversion.** Locate the point of diversion within each 40-acre tract and/or the U.S. Government Lot of the Public Land Survey System. Spring sources should be described to the nearest 10-acre tract. Identify the county where the point of diversion is located.

TWP	RGE	SEC	GOVT LOT	1/4	1/4	1/4	County	Source	Local name or tag #
3N	2W	3			SW	SW	Canyon	Ground Water	

4. Place of Use to be idled. Mark the idled place of use within each 40-acre tract in the appropriate box using the number of acres for irrigation, or the symbol listed below for other uses.

D - domestic, S - stockwater, M - municipal, C - commercial, I - industrial, X - other.

TWP	RGE	SEC	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
3N	2W	3											17.4						17.4



DATA SOURCE: Canyon NAIP 2023

WATER BANK LEASE APPLICATION
WATER RIGHT 63-2848 (PORTION)
MIDLAND FARM LLC PORTION



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

322 E Front Street, Suite 648, Boise ID 83702 • PO Box 83720, Boise ID 83720-0098
Phone: 208-287-4800 • Fax: 208-287-6700 • Email: idwrinfo@idwr.idaho.gov • Website: idwr.idaho.gov

Governor Brad Little

Director Mathew Weaver

September 23, 2025

MIDLAND FARM LLC
5001 N FIFESHIRE PL
BOISE, ID 83713-1802

**RE: WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACTS 2027 & 2030
FOR WATER RIGHT 63-19807 and 63-35696**

Dear Lessor:

Water rights **63-19807 and 63-35696** are leased into the Water Supply Bank (Bank) as of January **2025** in accordance with the enclosed executed lease contract. **Your water rights, as described on the lease contract, are considered leased into the Bank and should remain unused until they are formally released from the Bank.** More information and further restrictions placed on your water rights while leased can be found in conditions of acceptance of the lease contract. Read the conditions of acceptance carefully.

The right(s) will automatically be released from the Bank on **December 31, 2029**, unless the rights are released earlier by the Water Resource Board (Board). To release the water rights from the Bank prior to the release date, submit a written request on the *Request to Release a Water Right from the Bank* form. This form is available on our public website at www.idwr.idaho.gov. **Please note your water rights may not be available for immediate release if they are rented.**

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at bank@idwr.idaho.gov or 208-287-4800.

Sincerely,

Kris Margheim

Kris Margheim
Technical Records Specialist

Enclosure: Executed Lease Contract

c: IDWR- Western Region Office
Lori Graves – HDR Inc. (via email)



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September 17, 2025

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BOISE, ID 83713

**RE: APPLICATIONS TO LEASE WATER RIGHTS 63-19807 AND 63-35693 TO THE WATER
SUPPLY BANK CONTRACTS 2027 AND 2030**

******TIME SENSITIVE RESPONSE REQUIRED******

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources has completed its review of your applications to lease the above-mentioned water right to the Water Supply Bank. **I have enclosed two original Water Supply Bank Lease Contracts for each Contract, 2027 and 2030, for your review and signature. Please sign and return ALL Lease Contracts within 14 days.** Upon signature and returning of the contracts, the Department will also sign the original contracts and return an executed copy to you. The Lease Contract is not considered final until you and the Department have both signed.

The rights will automatically be released from the Bank on **December 31, 2029**, unless the rights are released earlier by the Board, or upon your request. To release the rights from the Bank prior to the release date, submit a written request on the Request to Release a Water Right from the Bank form. To propose a new lease period, submit a new Application to Sell or Lease a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank form along with applicable fees to the Department. These forms are available from any IDWR office or from our public website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov>. Please note your right may not be available for immediate release if it has been rented.

Please review the conditions of acceptance listed on the Lease Contract, including #3 which says:
"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."

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at bank@idwr.idaho.gov or 208-287-4800.

Sincerely,

Skyler Cheever
Water Resource Agent, Sr – State Office
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

Enclosures: Four Proposed Lease Contracts (two copies of each contract)
Receipt No. C121167
cc: Representative (via email)

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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.



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-  Water Supply Bank Lease Point of Diversion
-  Water Supply Bank Lease Place of Use
-  Township/Range
-  Sections
-  QQ

Cheever, Skyler

From: Cheever, Skyler
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:02 PM
To: Miller, Nick
Subject: Water Supply Bank Lease Applications 3227 and 3228
Attachments: Lease Review Memo 3227.pdf; Lease Approval Map 2027.pdf; Lease Review Memo 3228.pdf; Lease Approval Map 2030.pdf

Hello Nick,

I have completed my review of a Water Supply Bank Lease Applications 3227 and 3228 with the point of diversion within Administrative Basin 63 and Water District 63 but not administered. The applicant is Midland Farms LLC. The first application proposes to lease the entirety of water right 63-19807 into the water supply bank from 2025-2029. The second application proposes to lease the entirety of water right 63-35693 into the water supply bank from 2025-2029. Attached are copies of the review memos and maps of the place of use. If you have any comments on the applicant's proposal or my review, please let me know within 7 days. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Best,

Skyler



Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

322 E. Front St. P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID
83720

MEMORANDUM FOR WSB LEASE APPLICATION # 3228

To: Water Right No(s). 63-35693

From: Skyler Cheever, Water Resource Agent, Sr

Date: 6/18/2025

Re: Review & Analysis of Application to Lease Water to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE:

Application 3228 was sent in by Midland Farm LLC and received by the Department on May 9th, 2025, with the correct fee payment received the same date. The applicant proposes to lease a 17.4-acre portion of Water Right (WR) 63-35693 into the Water Supply Bank (WSB) from 2025-2029. However, after reviewing the WR record it was determined the entire WR is being proposed. The WR is utilized as a supplement to surface water shares delivered through Pioneer Irrigation District. The proposed point of diversion (POD) is within Water District 63 but not administered. This is the first time this WR has been proposed for lease into the WSB.

AUTHORITY TO FILE:

David Palfreyman signed the application. Mr. Palfreyman has the authority to sign this application on behalf of Midland Farm LLC because he is a manager with the company according to the Idaho Secretary of States Office Database. Midland Farm LLC is the current owner of WR 63-35693 according to Department Records.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY:

WR 63-35693 was decreed in the SRBA in 2009. According to historical Google Earth Imagery the place of use (POU) was irrigated, likely using surface water primarily, from the decreed date until present. Therefore, enough evidence is available to the bank to conclude WR 63-35693 is likely not lost to forfeiture and can be leased into the WSB.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS:

There are no concerns leasing this water right into the WSB. Any injury concerns would be addressed in the review of any rental against the lease.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE:

WR 63-35693 was historically utilized to supplement surface water shares from Pioneer Irrigation District. Therefore, to prevent any enlargement beyond the historical use of this WR a condition should be added to the contract limiting rentals to POU's which contain Pioneer Irrigation District surface water shares. There are no other water rights, beyond ones owned by Pioneer Irrigation District. There are no other enlargement concerns.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST:

Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

The lease appears consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

The proposed POD is within Administrative Basin 63 and Water District 63 but not administered. The Western Regional Manager was contacted for comment on June 18th, 2025. If no response is received it is assumed there are no concerns with the applicants proposal.