

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT No. 1954

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

LESSOR: JOHN C BRANCA III
1625 RIVER DR
JACKSON, WY 83001-8850

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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 December 12, 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)
1-10687	3/14/1978	SNAKE RIVER, tributary to COLUMBIA RIVER	0.27	Not Stated	16.0
35-14650	4/22/1979	GROUND WATER	0.32	Not Stated	16.0
Lease Totals			0.59	Not Stated	16.0

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)
1-10687	0.27	64.0	16.0	0.02	4.00
35-14650	0.32	64.0	16.0	0.02	4.00
Combined Limit Totals	0.59	64.0	16.0	0.04	4.00

** The water right elements rentable have been reduced from the water right elements leased to account for combined limits and a defined volume limit that is based on the regional field headgate irrigation standard of 4.0 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.

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Minimum Payment Acceptable: Current Rental Rate

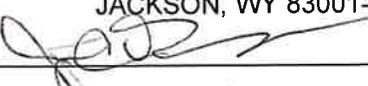
3. **TERM OF LEASE:** The term of this lease shall be January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025. This Lease shall bind the parties and take effect when both parties have signed it.
4. **WATER SUPPLY BANK CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE:** The Lessor shall abide by all terms and conditions contained in the Water 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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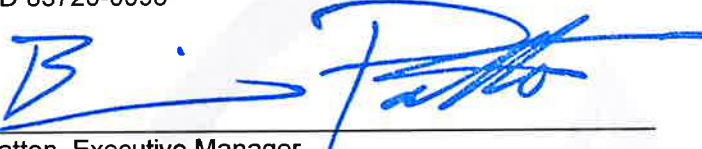
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the date following their respective signatures.

LESSOR: JOHN C BRANCA III
1625 RIVER DR
JACKSON, WY 83001-8850

By 
Title owner
Date Sept 20 2025

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

By 
Brian Patton, Executive Manager
Idaho Water Resource Board

Date 10/10/25

Lease approved by IDWR 

Date 10/10/25

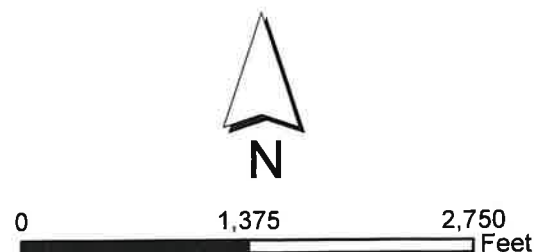
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5. While a water right is in the bank, forfeiture provisions are stayed pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-223(5).
6. Rental of water under this right is subject to the limitations and conditions of approval of the water right.
7. Failure of the right holder 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.
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. A measuring device of a type approved by the Department shall be permanently installed and maintained as part of the diverting works.
13. Use of this right with all other rights is limited to a total combined annual diversion volume of 64 af at the field headgate for the lands below.
14. Right Nos. 1-10687 and 35-14650 are limited to the irrigation of a combined total of 16 acres in a single irrigation season.
15. Use of water under water right 01-10687 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. 01.
16. Use of water under water right 35-14650 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. 120.

1-10687,35-14650
Effective until December 31, 2025





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Governor Brad Little

Director Mathew Weaver

October 10, 2025

JOHN C BRANCE III
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RE: WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT **1954**
FOR WATER RIGHTS **1-10687, 35-14650**

Dear Lessor:

Water rights **1-10687, 35-14650** are leased into the Water Supply Bank (Bank) as of January **2024** 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, 2025**, 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- Eastern Region Office
Water District No. 1, 120 (via email)