

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WATER SUPPLY BANK RENTAL AGREEMENT No. 969

This is to certify that:

ELISE G LUFKIN
505 STARWEATHER DR
HAILEY, ID 83333-5110

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

filed an application to rent water from the Water Supply Bank ("Bank"). The Idaho Water Resource Board ("Board"), being authorized to operate a Bank and to contract by and through the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Director, Department") for rental of water from the Bank, agrees to rent water as follows:

Summary of Water Rights or Portions Rented from the Bank

Water Right No.	Priority Date	Source	Diversion Rate (CFS)	Diversion Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)	Rate Per Acre (CFS/AC)	Volume Per Acre (AF/AC)
37-22888	3/24/1883	BIG WOOD RIVER	0.09	50.4	14.4	0.006	3.50
37-22889	7/15/1889	BIG WOOD RIVER	0.20	50.4	14.4	0.014	3.50
37-22914	10/31/1989	GROUND WATER	0.24	41.4	11.9	0.020	3.47
Combined Limit Totals			0.29	50.4	14.4	0.020	3.50

Term of Rental: This rental agreement shall take effect when all parties have signed it and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2029. Use of rental water shall be authorized as of either the date this rental agreement takes effect or the first day of the rental season of use, in 2026, whichever occurs last.

Annual Rental Fee:

2026 - 2029: \$1,663.20 annually

The full fee for the rental of the above-described right(s) is \$1663.20 per year for years 2026 - 2029. The rental fee includes an administrative fee of \$166.32 per year for years 2026 - 2029.

An annual payment shall be received by the Department on or before December 31 each year preceding the use of the rented water rights. The agreement will be void if payment is not received by the due date in a given year. Rental fees are non-refundable. To voluntarily terminate the agreement early, notify the Department in writing prior to the rental fee due date.

Detailed water right conditions are attached.

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The undersigned renter agrees to use the water rented under this agreement in accordance with the Water Supply Bank rules and in compliance with the limitations and conditions of use described in this agreement:

Elise G. Lufkin
Signature of Renter

12/22/25
Date

Elise G. Lufkin
Printed Name

Title

*Title required if signing on behalf of a company or organization or with power of attorney

Having determined that this agreement satisfied the provisions of Idaho Code § 42-1763 and IDAPA 37.02.03.030 (Water Supply Bank Rule 30), for the rental and use of water under the terms and condition herein provided, and none other, I hereby execute this Rental Agreement on behalf of the Idaho Water Resource Board.

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

Date 12/29/25

Rental approved by IDWR AP

Date 12/29/25

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WATER USE DETAILS

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

BIG WOOD RIVER NENE Sec. 19, Twp 03N, Rge 18E, BLAINE County

BENEFICIAL USE
IRRIGATION

DIVERSION RATE
0.29 CFS

VOLUME
50.4 AF

SEASON OF USE

From To
4/15 10/31

RENTERS PLACE OF USE: 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	18E	19	5.2			9.2													14.4

Total Acres: 14.4

RENTAL AGREEMENT CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

1. The use of water under this agreement shall be subject to the provisions of Idaho Code § 42-1766.
2. Rental of the specified right from 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.
3. Use of water under this agreement does not constitute a dedication of the water to renter's place of use, and upon expiration of this agreement, the points of diversion and place of use of the water shall revert to those authorized under the water right and/or again be available to rent from the bank.
4. Use of water under this agreement shall not prejudice any action of the Department in its consideration of an application for transfer or permit filed by the applicant for this same use.
5. Renter agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws while using water under this agreement.
6. Renter agrees to hold the Board, the Director and the state of Idaho harmless from all liability on account of negligent acts of the renter while using water.
7. Renter acknowledges and agrees that the Director may terminate authorization for the use of a water right based on a water right's priority date.
8. Failure of the renter to comply with the conditions of this agreement is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the rental agreement.
9. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.02 cfs per acre nor more than 3.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
10. This rental and water rights 37-496B and 37-497B when combined shall not exceed a diversion rate of 0.60 cfs for irrigation use, an annual maximum diversion volume of 105.0 af at the field headgate for irrigation use, and the irrigation of 30.0 acres.

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11. The right holder shall maintain a measuring device and lockable controlling works of a type approved by the Department in a manner that will provide the watermaster suitable control of the diversion(s).
12. This rental agreement does not authorize the construction of a well.
13. 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. 37.

Idaho Water Resource Board

Attachment to Water Supply Bank Rental Agreement No. 969

Effective until December 31, 2029

This map depicts the **rental place of use** pursuant to the rental agreement and is attached to the agreement solely for illustrative purposes.



Legend

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

STATE OF IDAHO
WATER RESOURCE BOARDAPPLICATION TO RENT WATER
FROM THE BOARD'S WATER SUPPLY BANK

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCESApplicant Name: Elise Lufkin

Is this application being submitted with a lease application as a lease/rental package?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, specify companion water rights in Section 4

This application must be completed according to the minimum requirement checklist below. This checklist is part of the rental application and must be included with the rental application. **Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be placed in the processing queue and may be returned until all minimum requirements have been met.**

Rental applications should be submitted well in advance of the desired start date for the use of rental water. Rental applications may be processed as early as November 1 of the year prior to the intended use of rental water. Any rental application received on or before November 1 for use in the next year will be assigned a received date of November 1. Rental applications submitted more than one year in advance of the proposed start date for the use of rental water will not be accepted and will be returned to applicants. Rental applications may be returned to applicants if the desired start date for the use of rental water cannot be accommodated by the Water Supply Bank. Rental requests will not be accepted once the rental season of use period has concluded.

One rental application per beneficial use of water. For multiple beneficial uses of water, separate rental requests should be submitted for each unique beneficial use of water. One rental application can be submitted if you propose to rent water from multiple sources.

For additional instructions on completing a rental application, visit the Bank's website at http://idwr.idaho.gov/water_supply_bank.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

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

Yes

Completed *Application to Rent Water from the Board's Water Supply Bank*

Confirmation that this form has been printed single sided, per requirement of the Water Supply Bank

Attachment N/A Yes

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A map showing the proposed point(s) of diversion, place(s) of use, and water diversion and distribution systems proposed to be used with your rental request

3A



Detailed information on a proposed use of rental water

3F



Authorization from the owner/operator of the rental point(s) of diversion

3H



Water modeling to account for the impacts of the rental request

3J



Documents justifying a rate of flow greater than 0.02 cfs/acre

3K



Authorization from the owner/operator of the property at the proposed rental place(s) of use

4B



Explanation of how the rental water will sufficiently accomplish your rental purposes

4C



Explanation of consumptive use amounts for water rights experiencing a change in nature of use

Department Use Only – Proposed Water Right(s)

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Application to Rent Water (Continued)

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

- A. Applicant Elise Lufkin
- Mailing Address 505 Starweather Drive Hailey ID 83333
- Street City State Zip Code
- Email Address egbl@cox.net Phone Number 206-450-3020
- B. Is this application being completed by an authorized representative on behalf of the applicant? Yes ☐ No ☒
- If yes, representatives (includes company employees if the applicant is a corporation, as well as legal counsel or consultants) should provide their information below if they desire to be included on correspondence with the rental applicant.
- Representative _____ Professional Title _____
- Organization _____ Relationship to Applicant _____
- Mailing Address _____
- Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

2. MAP

Create a map of the proposed point(s) of diversion, place(s) of use and water diversion, delivery and distribution systems. Make sure the rental 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 irrigate. Attach the map to this application and label it **Attachment 2**.

3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED USE FOR RENTAL WATER

- A. Describe why you desire to rent water and provide a detailed description of your proposed use. If the proposed use is not for irrigation, describe in detail how you determined the amount of rental water required. If the space below is insufficient, attach additional sheets as required and label them **Attachment 3A**:
- My water rights are dated 7/1/1883 and 7/1/1892 and they get shut off every year. I would like to rent water to use after they are shut off. I multiplied 14.4 acres (the amount of pasture I irrigate) by 3.5 acre feet (standard duty of water in WRV) to come up with 50.4 desired acres in 3B.

- B. Enter the desired and/or minimum rates of flow, volume, or irrigable acres requested for your rental purposes:

Desired Rate (Cubic Feet/Second)	Desired Volume (Acre-Foot)	Minimum Rate* (Cubic Feet/Second)	Minimum Volume* (Acre-Foot)	Desired Acres (if applicable)
CFS	50.4 AF	CFS	AF	14.4 AC

* Sometimes water rights provide an exceptionally low rate per acre and/or low volume per acre. This section is meant to establish an acceptable range of water sufficient for your proposed water use. Please see question 4B and complete if necessary.

- C. This section must be completed in full. Enter the proposed start date and latest possible start date for using rental water as well as the number of years you would like to rent water. The latest possible start is the latest possible date by which you would be willing to pay for a rental and be able to benefit from utilizing rental water.

Desired Start Date (month/day/year)	Latest Possible Start Date (month/day/year)	*Mark Desired Rental Duration (Calendar Years)					**Applicant's preference if rental application cannot be processed prior to the latest possible start?	
7/15/26	8/15/26	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☒ 5	☒ Process application as soon as possible	☐ Return application to applicant

* The number of years permissible for a rental is subject to the lease contract duration for the water right(s) being rented.

** Per Idaho Code 42-201, it is unlawful to divert or use water without a valid water right. Water Supply Bank rental applicants are not authorized to utilize rental water prior to the execution of an approved rental agreement. Rental requests may be returned to applicants if no water is available from the Bank to fulfill a rental request.

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- D. Describe your water distribution system and how rental water will be delivered from the point(s) of diversion (POD) to the proposed place of use (POU):

There is a pump in the river that pumps the water to a settling pond. From there it flows to the main pond which the sprinkler and fire systems draw from.

- E. Describe the physical type (pump, headgate, etc.) and location of the POD from which rental water is proposed to be diverted:

POD Description	Water Source	Other Water Rights Diverted from this POD
pump	Big Wood River	37-496B, 37-497B

If the POD(s) above are located where water is turned into a canal, lateral or ditch, or if they are located on your property but are serviced by water that is delivered via a canal, lateral or ditch, your rental request must include documented authorization from all relevant canal companies, irrigation districts and/or water delivery entities, confirming that they consent to your diversion of water from their system.

- F. Has documented consent from all relevant water delivery entities been obtained? Yes ☐ N/A ☒
If yes, include documented consent as **Attachment 3F**.

- G. Do any POD(s) identified in Question 3E divert from a water source that may require water modeling? Yes ☐ No ☒
Refer to the Water Modeling Requirements Information Sheet to determine if a rental POD may require water modeling.

- H. Has water modeling been provided with your rental request? Yes ☐ N/A ☒
If yes, label modeling Attachment 3 H.
Rental applications that require modeling will be returned if modeling is not provided.

- I. Specify the desired beneficial use of water and the requested season of use or number of acres required:

- ☒ Irrigation 14.4 (number of acres) Duration: Subject to IDWR standard seasons of use
- ☐ Commercial from: _____ (mm/dd) to: _____ (mm/dd)
- ☐ Stockwater from: _____ (mm/dd) to: _____ (mm/dd)
- ☐ Industrial from: _____ (mm/dd) to: _____ (mm/dd)
- ☐ Other: _____ from: _____ (mm/dd) to: _____ (mm/dd)

- J. For irrigation uses, do you propose to divert water at a rate greater than 0.02 cfs/acre? N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, justify the rate of flow and attach any supporting documents as **Attachment 3J**. Justification may include information on soil composition, conveyance losses, crop type, irrigation systems, public access areas, etc. A rate of 0.03 cfs/acre is permissible for irrigation of 5 acres or less.

- K. Do you own the land at the proposed rental place of use (POU)? Yes ☒ No ☐
If no, attach documentation from the POU owner/operator confirming your authorization to use the POU and label it **Attachment 3K**.

- L. List all other water rights and sources of water at the rental place of use for the same purpose, including privately owned water rights and water received from a municipal supplier, an irrigation district, a canal company or any other water delivery entity. Explain why additional water is required:

37-496B and 37-497B They get shut off every summer because of their dates. I would like to rent water with an earlier date to use after they are shut off. I have rented rights for the past 5 years, but that rental has expired

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Application to Rent Water (Continued)

4. RENTAL REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC WATER RIGHTS

A. Are you requesting to rent specific water rights?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, specify below the elements of the water rights you are requesting to rent. If no, continue to Question 4B.

Important Information: Diversion rates and volumes sought for rent must be proportionate to the per acre diversion rates and per acre volume limits of the water right under lease contract to the Water Supply Bank. Prior to completing this section, applicants should review all water right lease contracts and any active rental agreements to determine which elements of a water right are available to satisfy a rental request. Lease and rental documents are searchable via [IDWR's website](#).

Water rights identified below must either already be leased to the Bank or a lease proposal should accompany this rental request. **Rental requests for water rights not yet leased to the Bank will be returned if companion lease applications are not provided with the rental request.** For leased rights featuring combined limits, rentals must be consistent with combined diversion rate, volume or acre limits. Combined limits should be listed on a row below water right numbers.

Water Right Elements Leased to Water Supply Bank					Leased totals, minus water right elements involved in active rental agreements, equals water right elements available for rent	Water Supply Bank Rental Request		
Water Right Number (leave blank if sub-total of combined limits)	Nature of Use	Diversion Rate (CFS)	Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)		Diversion Rate (CFS)	Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)
Applicants must ensure the requested rate per acre and volume per acre do not exceed the rate per acre and volume per acre limits of water rights leased to the Water Supply Bank					TOTAL			
						CFS	AF	AC

**Attach multiple copies of this page if space above is insufficient to list all water rights requested to be rented on this application.*

B. If water right conditions, combined limits, or the sum of all water right elements being requested provide an unconventional duty of water (e.g., an unusually low rate per acre or volume per acre for irrigation use), explain how your proposed rental will sufficiently accomplish your intended purposes. Attach a separate page if space is insufficient and label it **Attachment 4B**:

NA

C. Does your rental request propose to change the nature of use for any water right(s) being rented?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, explain how the water right(s) will be converted to new uses. Include the historic, consumptive use amounts for the water right being rented if you have it, as well as the new consumptive use amount for your proposed beneficial use. If space below is insufficient, attach a separate page and label it **Attachment 4C**:

NA

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5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. Is this the first time that rental water is being requested for this purpose at the rental place of use? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, list previous rental requests/agreements and explain why you have not secured a permanent water right for your needs:
I rented rights in 2021 for 5 years expiring 12/31/25. I would be happy to rent these same rights if they are available.

- B. Have you or do you intend to submit an application for permit or transfer proposing a similar use as this rental? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, describe:

- C. Was this rental application submitted in response to a Notice of Violation (NOV) or a pending NOV? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, describe the date and location of the NOV.

- D. Additional Information

DECLARATION

I hereby assert that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any willful misrepresentations made in this application may result in rejection of the application or cancellation of an approval. I understand that if this rental application is approved, it will be subject to the provisions of Section 42-1766, Idaho Code and all applicable state and federal laws. I understand that the submission of a rental application provides no guarantee for approval of a rental agreement. I also understand that, per Idaho Code 42-201, it is unlawful to divert or use water without a valid water right and that I am not authorized to utilize water as proposed in this application prior to the execution of an approved rental agreement.


Signature of Applicant

Elise Lufkin
Printed Name of Applicant

Sept 1, 2025
~~July 28, 2025~~
Date

Signature of Representative

Printed Name of Representative

Date

Mail to:

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

ArcGIS Web Map



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Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, @ OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Maxar

9/8/2025

<u>Owner Type</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>
Current Owner	ELISE G LUFKIN 505 STARWEATHER DR HAILEY, ID 83333-5110 (208) 788-3936

Status: Active

Tributary
MALAD RIVER

<u>Beneficial Use</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Volume</u>
IRRIGATION	04/01	11/01	0.600 CFS	
FIRE PROTECTION	04/01	11/01	0.900 CFS	
AESTHETIC	04/01	11/01	0.900 CFS	
	Total Diversion		1.500 CFS	

Sec. 19, Twp 03N, Rge 18E, BLAINE County

[illegible][illegible]

POU Total Acres: 30.0

[illegible]

1. C18 This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as



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ELISE G LUFKIN
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**RE: RENTAL OF WATER FROM THE WATER SUPPLY BANK
WATER RIGHT NO(S). 37-22888, 37-22889, 37-22914, AGREEMENT 969**

Dear Renter:

Please find enclosed a receipt in the amount of **\$1,663.20** and a copy of a fully executed Water Supply Bank Rental Agreement in connection with the rental of 50.4 acre-feet of water for irrigation of 14.4 acres during 2026. Upon receipt of this fully executed agreement, you are authorized to divert water in compliance with the conditions of water use described in the agreement.

Pursuant to the Water Supply Bank Rules, 90% or \$1,496.88 of the rental fee will be paid to the lessor(s) and 10% or \$166.32 will be retained by the department to offset administrative costs for 2026.

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

Sincerely,

Kris Margheim

for
Water Supply Bank

Enclosures: Receipt No. C124519
Rental Agreement (copy)

c: Sascha Marston – Fiscal
IDWR Regional Office (via email)
WD 37 (via email)



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Skyler Cheever
Water Resource Agent, Sr – State Office
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Enclosure(s): Proposed Rental Agreement

c: IDWR Front Desk (via email)
WSB (via email)



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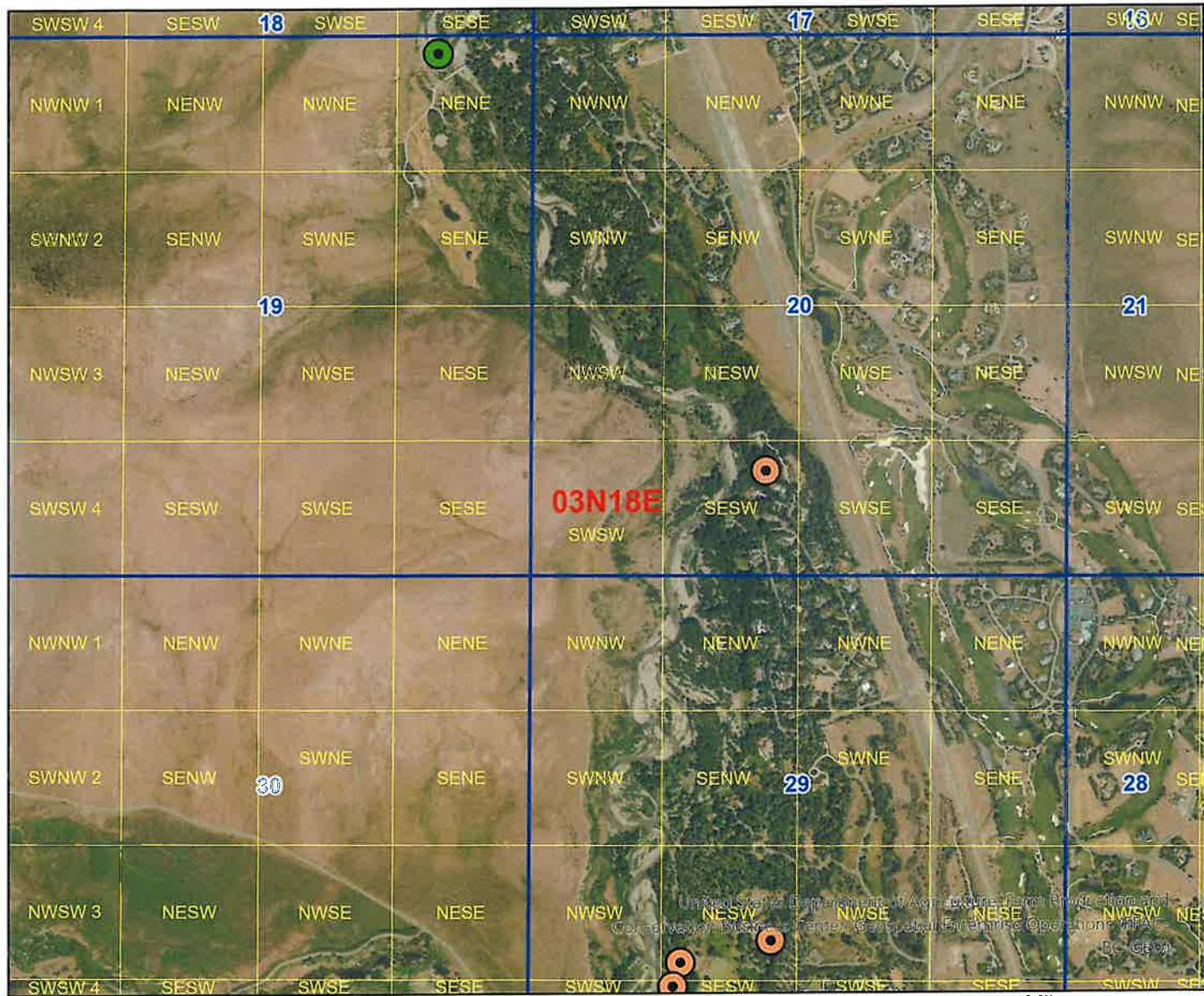
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WSB Move Map

37-22888, 37-22889, and 37-22914
2026-2029



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Cheever, Skyler

From: Cheever, Skyler
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Skinner, Corey; watermanager
Subject: Water Supply Bank Rental Application 3285 Elise Lufkin
Attachments: Rental Review Memo 969.pdf; Rental Agreement 969.pdf; Rental Approval Map 969.pdf

Hello Corey and Sunny,

I have completed my review of Water Supply Bank Rental Application 3285 with the proposed point of diversion within Administrative Basin 37 and Water District 37. The applicant is Elise Lufkin. They propose to rent a portion of lease contract 1911 (Water rights 37-22888, 37-22889, and 37-22914) from the Water Supply Bank from 2026-2029. Attached is a copy of the rental agreement, review memo, and map of the place of use. If you have any comments regarding 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



Skyler Cheever
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MEMORANDUM FOR AGREEMENT # 969

To: Water Right No(s). 37- 22888, 37-22889, and 37-22914

From: Skyler Cheever – Water Resource Agent, Sr – State Office

Date: 11/17/2025

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE:

Application 3295 was sent in by Ellise Lufkin and received by the Department on September 4th, 2025. The applicant proposes to rent 14.4 acres of irrigation diverting from the Big Wood River from 2026-2030. The applicant did not propose any specific water rights (WR) to rent. WR's rented under two previous agreements (544 and 532) are not currently available.

The applicant indicated in section 3A and C they propose to rent WR's with a priority date earlier existing WR's 37-496B (7/1/1883) and 37-497B (7/1/1892) to extend the irrigation season when existing WR's are no longer in priority. The applicant was contacted via phone call on November 13th, 2025, to clarify what priority dates would meet their proposal. They confirmed WR's with a priority date prior to 4/1/1883 would suffice.

Lease contract 1911 for WR's 37-22888, 37-22889, and 37-22914 met the applicants proposal because one of the WR's 37-22888 has a priority date of 3/24/1883. However, the lease period is only through 2029. Therefore, only a four rental (2026-2029) is possible. WR 37-22914 authorizes the supplemental diversion of groundwater if surface water is unavailable. However, the applicant only proposes to use surface water. The proposed point of diversion (POD) is within the Snake River Basin and Big Wood River Moratorium Area, Big Wood River Groundwater Management Area, and Trust Water Area. This application is intended as a renewal of rental agreements 544 and 532 which are set to expire on December 31st, 2025.

AUTHORITY TO FILE:

Elise Lufkin signed the application. Ms. Lufkin has the authority to sign the application because she is the owner of the proposed place of use (POU) and access to the proposed POD according to Idaho Tax Parcel Data. They are also the owners of overlapping WR's

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS:

The proposed rental POD is roughly 1 mile upstream from the surface water lease POD. The POD for the Hiawatha Canal, containing a multitude of WR's is in between the lease and rental. The proposed movement of water (under WR's 37-33888 and 37-22889) is upstream of the Hiawatha Canal POD. Therefore, if the WR's are still in priority water would normally flow past the POD for the Hiawatha Canal to the lease POD. Therefore, there are no injury concerns.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE:

The leased portions WR's 37-22888, 37-22889, and 37-22914 are limited when combined to the irrigation of 17.4 acres. Therefore, if these rights were separated in a rental it would lead to more water and acres being irrigated than was historically leading to an enlargement. Therefore, all water rights should be rented. WR's 37-496B and 37-497B overlap the proposed POU. They are limited when combined to the irrigation of 30 acres. To prevent an enlargement of irrigation, use of the existing rights this rental, 37-496B, and 37-497B should be limited when combined to 0.60 cfs, 105 af at the field headgate and the irrigation of 30 acres.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST: The proposed rental of water is in the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

The proposed rental is consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

The proposed POD is within Administrative Basin 37 and Water District 37. A request for comment was sent to the Watermaster and Southern Regional Manager on November 18th, 2025. No concerns were received.