

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT No. 1671

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

LESSOR: NATURE FARM LLC
134 E HIGHWAY 81
BURLEY, ID 83318-5427

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

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 January 06, 2023.
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)
43-13797	7/25/1973	GROUND WATER	0.30	101	25.3
Lease Totals			0.30	101	25.3

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, 2023 to December 31, 2023. 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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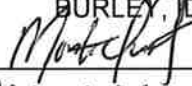
5. **CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT:** This lease specifies water right elements including but not limited to: diversion rates; diversion volumes; number of acres authorized to be irrigated; places of use; points of diversion; beneficial uses; and seasons of use. During the term of this lease, if a water right 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: NATURE FARM LLC
134 E HIGHWAY 81
BURLEY, ID 83318-5427

By 
Title Manager
Date 4/26/2023

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

By 
Brian Patton, Acting Administrator
Idaho Water Resource Board

Date 5/1/23

Lease approved by IDWR



Date 5/1/23

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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): 43-13797

GROUND WATER	SESW	Sec. 28	Twp 10S	Rge 26E	CASSIA County
GROUND WATER	NWNE	Sec. 28	Twp 10S	Rge 26E	CASSIA County
GROUND WATER	SESE	Sec. 28	Twp 10S	Rge 26E	CASSIA County
GROUND WATER	NWNW	Sec. 28	Twp 10S	Rge 26E	CASSIA County
GROUND WATER	NENE	Sec. 28	Twp 10S	Rge 26E	CASSIA County

Water Right	Beneficial Use	Season of Use			Diversion Rate (CFS)	Volume (AF)
		From		To		
43-13797	IRRIGATION	03/15	to	11/15	0.30 cfs	101 AF
Totals:					0.30 cfs	101 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	
10S	26E	28										25.3							25.3

Total Acres: 25.3

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.

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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. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.02 cfs per acre nor more than 4.0 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the lands above.
13. Use of water under this right will 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. 143.
14. 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).
15. This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
16. The unleased portions of 43-13797 and rights 43-13466, 43-13468, 43-7015, 43-13384, 43-13386, 43-13388, 43-13390, 43-13392, 43-13394, 43-13396, 43-13398, 43-13400, 43-13402, 43-13404, and 43-13406 are limited to the irrigation of a specific 682.9 acres within the 3469.7-acre place of use authorized by this right in a single irrigation season. The specific 682.9 acres to be irrigated by the right holder are shown in the electronic shape file associated with this right in the geographic information system component of the water rights database maintained by the department. Before changing the 682.9 acres to be irrigated within the 3469.7-acre place of use, the right holder shall submit a new land list and representative electronic shape file or map to the Department prior to the irrigation season in which the change will occur.
17. The unleased portion of this right shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 2.38 cfs, a total annual maximum diversion volume of 805 af at the field headgate, and the irrigation of 201.3 acres.
18. Rights 43-13466, 43-13468, 43-7015, 43-13384, 43-13386, 43-13388, 43-13390, 43-13392, 43-13394, 43-13396, 43-13398, 43-13400, 43-13402, 43-13404, and 43-13406 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 7.34 cfs, a total annual maximum diversion volume of 1885.6 af at the field headgate, and the irrigation of 481.6 acres.

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Effective until December 31, 2023

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.



-  Water Supply Bank Lease POD
-  Water Supply Bank Lease POU
-  Township/Range
-  Sections
-  QQ

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCESAPPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT
TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANKDesignated Applicant Nature Farm LLC

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

Water Right No. 43-13797

(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.

MINIMUM 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.

Department Use Only

Fee Amount \$ <u>250</u>	Received By <u>[Signature]</u>	Date Received: <u>1-6-23</u>	Receipt # <u>C115057</u>
W-9 received? Yes ☒ No ☐	(Route W-9 to Fiscal)	Name on W-9: <u>Square Glass Holdings LLC</u>	

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APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT
(Continued)

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 Nature Farm LLC
Mailing Address 134 E Highway 81, Burley, ID 83318
Street City State Zip Code
Email Address office@gibbygroup.com Phone Number (208) 654-2733

☒ 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 _____ Organization _____
Professional Title _____ Email Address _____
Mailing Address _____ Phone Number _____

☐ 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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APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT
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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.
Existing wells, mainlines and delivery system

- 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. 43-13797, 43-13466, 43-13468, 43-7015, 43-13384, 43-13386, 43-13388, 43-13390, 43-13392, 43-13394, 43-13396, 43-13398, 43-13400, 43-13402, 43-13404, and 43-13406.

- 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. Water right 43-13797 was involved in Transfer 82002 approved in 2018 and was historically enrolled in a Federal set aside program until 2015. Water right 43-13797 was leased to the Water Supply Bank in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

- 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. See attached CRP contracts and documents regarding the set aside program.

- 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 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: 2023 to 2023 (maximum lease period 5 calendar years).
(Year) (Year)

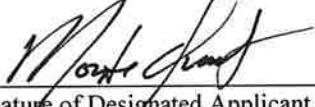
- B. Show the minimum payment acceptable to the seller/lessor. The minimum payment may be shown as the "current rental rate" as established by the IWRB. Include the method of determining the minimum payment if other than the current rental rate.

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.


Signature of Designated Applicant

Monte Quast
Printed Name

12/22/2022
Date

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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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. <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)
43-13797	Irrigation	0.30	101.2	25.3
	Total Amounts:	0.30	101.2	25.3

2. Source of water Ground Water tributary to _____

3. Point(s) of diversion:

Twp	Rge	Sec	Lot	¼	¼	¼	County
10S	26E	28			NE	NE	Cassia
10S	26E	28			NW	NE	Cassia
10S	26E	28			NW	NW	Cassia
10S	26E	28			SE	SW	Cassia
10S	26E	28			SE	SE	Cassia

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GIBBY - COTTEREL
 2018 LEASE APPLICATION MAP
 NAIP 2017 AERIAL

Legend
 Lease Acres 2018
 PPU

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 BROCKWAY ENGINEERING, PLLC.
 GWS - Date: 2/14/2018



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Governor Brad Little

Director Gary Spackman

July 7, 2023

NATURE FARM LLC
134 E HIGHWAY 81
BURLEY, ID 83318-5427

RE: WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT 1671, FOR WATER RIGHTS 43-13797

Dear Lessor:

Water right(s) **43-13797** was/were leased into the Water Supply Bank (Bank) as of January 1, 2023, 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, 2023**, unless the rights are released earlier by the Water Resource Board (Board). On behalf of the Board, the Department of Water Resources (Department) can evaluate an early release of the lease contract upon your request. 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 have been rented or are being considered for a future rental. Furthermore, it is at the discretion of the Department whether or not a water right can be released early from a lease contract.**

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 287-4936.

Sincerely,

Mary Condon
Water Supply Bank Coordinator

Enclosure: Executed Lease Contract

c: IDWR – Southern Regional Office
Watermaster - Water District No. 143



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April 19, 2023

NATURE FARM LLC
134 E HIGHWAY 81
BURLEY, ID 83318-5427

**RE: APPLICATION TO LEASE WATER RIGHTS 43-13797 TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK
CONTRACT 1671**

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

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources has completed its review of your application to lease the above-mentioned water right to the Water Supply Bank. **I have enclosed two original Water Supply Bank Lease Contracts for your review and signature. Please sign and return ALL Lease Contracts within 14 days.** Upon signature and return 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 right will automatically be released from the Bank on **December 31, 2023**, unless the right is released earlier by the Board, or upon your request. To release the right 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,

Amanda Johnson-Veibell

for
Water Supply Bank

Enclosures: Proposed Lease Contracts

Cheever, Skyler

From: Ragan, Brian
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 11:47 AM
To: Cheever, Skyler; Skinner, Corey
Subject: RE: Water Supply Bank Lease Application 2559

I have no comments or concerns with this lease application.

Brian Ragan
IDWR Water Distribution Section
(208) 287-4934

From: Cheever, Skyler <Skyler.Cheever@idwr.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Skinner, Corey <Corey.Skinner@idwr.idaho.gov>; Ragan, Brian <Brian.Ragan@idwr.idaho.gov>
Subject: Water Supply Bank Lease Application 2559

Hello Corey and Brian

I am currently working on reviewing a lease application within Basin43 and Water District 143. The applicant is Nature Farm LLC. The application proposes to lease a 25.3-acre portion of water right 43-13797 into the water supply bank for 2023. Attached to this email is a copy of the draft lease contract, review memo, and map of the place of use. If you have any comments you would like to make, please reply to this email within 14 days if as needed.

Best,

Skyler

Skyler Cheever
Water Resource Agent, State Office
Email: skyler.cheever@idwr.idaho.gov
Phone: 208-287-4913

MEMORANDUM FOR APPLICATION # 2559

To: Water Right No. 43-13797

From: Skyler Cheever

Date: 1/30/2023

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE:

Application 2559 was sent in by Nature Farm LLC and received on January 6th, 2023, with fee payment received the same date. The application proposes to lease a 25.3-acre portion of water right 43-13797 into the water supply bank for 2023. This application is part of a lease/rental package. The point of diversion is located within the Snake River Moratorium, Rafter River GWD and Trust Water Area. This application is a renewal of contract 1501 which expired in 2022.

AUTHORITY TO FILE:

Monte Quast signed the application. Mr. Quast has the authority to file this application because he is a manager with the company. Nature Farms LLC is the current owners of water right 43-13797 according to Department records.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY:

The water right was enrolled into a program until 2015 that protects it from forfeiture. The right has been leased continually into the bank since 2018 after transfer 82002 was approved that same year. No concerns

ENLARGEMENT OF USE:

This water right was decreed in 2002. It was transferred to the current place of use and combined with other rights in the PPU. Conditions on rights prior to the transfer limit the use to 481.6 acre. Transfer 82002 added 43-13797 to the PPU and increased the acre limit by 226.6 acres to 708.2. Therefore, right 43-13797 contributes entire 226.6 acres to the limit and can be separated out without enlargement. The unleased portion and all other rights in PPU will be limited to 682.9 acres, the 481.6 acre limit will remain to limit the unleased rights.

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 point of diversion is within Basin 43 and Water District 143. The Water Master and Southern Regional Manager were contacted for comment on January 30th, 2023. Comment was received from the Water Master on February 2nd, 2023, there was no concern with this proposal.