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Department of Water Resources

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Re: Transfer No. 89752
Water Right Nos. 2-2399, 2-2439, 2,7091, 57-277, 57-2094D

Transfer Applicant's Name: TTN LLC
POBOX 690
MERIDIAN, ID 83680-0690

Watermaster's Recommendation:

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

- 1 IDWR has no plans for the lawful administration of this application
- 2 IDWR said that Dist 57R watermaster would need to co-ordinate with the Dist 2 watermaster, then told me there is no Dist 2 watermaster.
- 3 There is no instream weir or measuring device for the waters of Reynolds Creek where it joins the Snake River
- 4 Because of the special conditions attached to the 57R water rights during the Snake River Basin Adjudication, all 57R water rights with a priority date later than 12/24/1889 would be negatively impacted in various ways (a list of those water rights may be obtained from IDWR data base as they are too numerous and involved to attach here). This transfer will affect the rights of other water users:
 - 4.a There are two (2) separate points of diversion for 57-277 priority date 12/24/1889 and 57-2094D priority date 02/15/1916 that are approximately 2 miles apart
 - 4.b There are six (6) diversions downstream from 57-2094D POD involving four (4) shared lateral ditches with approximately forty-nine (49) separate water rights that will be negatively impacted
 - 4.c There are three (3) diversions downstream from 57-277 POD involving one shared lateral and two private points of diversion involving eleven (11) separate water rights that will be negatively impacted
- 5 57-277 water right owners have not performed ditch maintenance since approximately 2012 (the last time water was delivered to the POD) limiting the carrying capacity of the conveyance and the culvert under State Highway 78 is inadequate to handle the flow for the water rights in that ditch
- 6 Title 42-222 (2) states "all rights to the use of water acquired under this chapter of otherwise shall be lot and forfeited b a failure for the term of five (5) years to apply it to the beneficial use for which it was appropriated"
 - 6.a The full amount of 57-277 (10cfs) has never been used since this watermaster began keeping records in 1984

How current is this law?

6.b The water right owners have not made a call for water, nor has any water been delivered for 57-277 or 57-2094D for twelve (12) years, since 2013 according to 57R Annual Watermaster Reports

7 Live flow waters out of Reynolds Creek are only available for use during a very short spring runoff season and as a rule of thumb the creek is dry by or before the end of June each year. The water supply itself is insufficient for the purpose for which it is sought, that of a full season of use of 3/15 through 11/15 for 2-2399 with a priority date of 12/15/1966 and 2-2349 with a priority date of 11/12/1946.

D) ____ Additional comments:

Of concern to me is whether the applicant is trying to establish an earlier priority date of 12/24/1889 for the Dist 2 water rights.

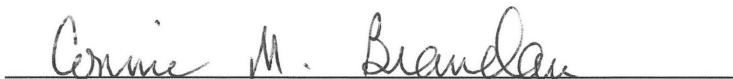
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SRBA special conditions concerning high flow or flood rights need to be addressed and considered in how this transfer would affect them.

Approving this transfer is not in the local public interest and the change may adversely affect the local economy of the area from which the source of water for the propose use originates.

Of concern is that upstream water users will be shut off during the time this transfer will have access to the waters of the Snake River.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2025

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Connie M. Brandau", is written over a horizontal line.

Connie M. Brandau, Watermaster
Reynolds Creek Dist. 57R



Watermaster 57R recommendation Transfer 89752

From Connie Brandau <conniebrandau@gmail.com>

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Attached is my Watermaster recommendation for Transfer 89752. Hard copy with wet signature will be hand delivered on Due date, Monday June 23,2025.

Respectfully,
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