

**STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

**TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 89483**

This is to certify that: STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
PO BOX 10
CHALLIS, ID 83226-0010

has requested a change to the water right(s) listed below. This change in water right(s) is authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 42-222, Idaho Code. A summary of the changes is also listed below. The authorized change for each affected water right, including conditions of approval, is shown on the following pages of this document.

Summary of Water Rights Before the Proposed Changes

<u>Water Right</u>	<u>Origin/Basis</u>	<u>Priority Date</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Diversion Volume</u>	<u>Acre Limit</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Source</u>
72-16677	WR/DECREED	5/1/1879	0.030 cfs	N/A	N/A	2.3	CHALLIS CREEK
72-16888	WR/DECREED	4/1/1910	0.240 cfs	N/A	N/A	34.8	CHALLIS CREEK
72-16889	WR/DECREED	12/15/1917	0.660 cfs	N/A	N/A	34.8	CHALLIS CREEK
72-16890	WR/DECREED	5/1/1879	0.750 cfs	N/A	N/A	34.8	CHALLIS CREEK
72-16893	WR/DECREED	5/1/1879	0.230 cfs	N/A	22.0	175.7	CHALLIS CREEK
72-16895	WR/DECREED	4/15/1912	0.300 cfs	N/A	22.0	175.7	CHALLIS CREEK

Purpose of Transfer (Changes Proposed)

<u>Current Number</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POU</u>	<u>Add POD</u>	<u>Period of Use</u>	<u>Nature of Use</u>
72-16677	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
72-16888	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
72-16889	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
72-16890	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
72-16893	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
72-16895	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO

Summary Of Water Rights After the Approved Change

<u>Existing Right</u>	<u>New No. (Changed Portion)</u>	<u>Transfer Rate</u>	<u>Transfer Volume</u>	<u>Acre Limit</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>New No. (remaining portion)</u>	<u>Remaining Rate</u>	<u>Remaining Volume</u>	<u>Remaining Acre Limit</u>	<u>Remaining Total Acres</u>
72-16677	72-16677	0.030 cfs	N/A	2.3	230.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
72-16888	72-16888	0.240 cfs	N/A	33.0	230.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
72-16889	72-16889	0.660 cfs	N/A	33.0	230.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
72-16890	72-16890	0.750 cfs	N/A	33.0	230.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
72-16893	72-16893	0.230 cfs	N/A	22.0	230.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
72-16895	72-16895	0.300 cfs	N/A	22.0	230.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMBINED TOTALS		2.210 cfs	N/A	57.3	230.4		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Support Data

Transfer No. 89483

In File # 72-16677

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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This water right(s) is subject to all prior water rights and shall be administered in accordance with Idaho law and applicable rules of the Department of Water Resources. Detailed Water Right Description(s) attached.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2026.



Southern Region Manager



WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16677**As Modified by Transfer No. 89483**

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 89483, Water Right No. 72-16677 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
PO BOX 10
CHALLIS, ID 83226-0010

Priority Date: 5/1/1879

Source: CHALLIS CREEK

Tributary: SALMON RIVER

BENEFICIAL USE

IRRIGATION

From

04/01

To

to 10/31

Diversion Rate

0.030 cfs

0.030 cfs

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

CHALLIS CREEK
CHALLIS CREEK

SESESE
NWNENW

Sec 4 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County (R)
Sec 9 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County

PLACE OF USE: IRRIGATION

			NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
Twp	Rng	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
14N	19E	3	13.0	19.0	40.0	29.0	8.4			40.0	40.0				21.0	19.0		1.0	230.4
			L 1	L 2			L 3			L 5									

Right Acre Limit: 2.3

POU Total Acres: 230.4

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This right is limited to the irrigation of 2.3 acres within the authorized place of use in a single irrigation season.
2. 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.72A.
3. 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).
4. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 57.3 acres.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16677
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

5. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 are limited to the irrigation of a specific 57.3 acres within the 230.4 acre place of use authorized by these rights in a single irrigation season. The specific 57.3 acres to be irrigated by the right holder are shown in the electronic shape file associated with these rights in the geographic information system component of the water rights database maintained by the department. Before changing the 57.3 acres to be irrigated within the 230.4 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.
6. This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
7. The right holder shall accomplish the change authorized by this transfer within one year of the date of this approval.
8. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.
9. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1412(6), this water right is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of water rights as determined by the Snake River Basin Adjudication court in the final unified decree entered 08/26/2014.

WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16888**As Modified by Transfer No. 89483**

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 89483, Water Right No. 72-16888 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
PO BOX 10
CHALLIS, ID 83226-0010

Priority Date: 4/1/1910

Source: CHALLIS CREEK

Tributary: SALMON RIVER

BENEFICIAL USE

IRRIGATION

From

04/01

To

to 10/31

Diversion Rate

0.240 cfs

0.240 cfs

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

CHALLIS CREEK
CHALLIS CREEK

SESESE
NWNENW

Sec 4 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County (R)
Sec 9 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County

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	
14N	19E	3	13.0	19.0	40.0	29.0	8.4			40.0	40.0				21.0	19.0		1.0	230.4
			L 1	L 2			L 3			L 5									

Right Acre Limit: 33.0

POU Total Acres: 230.4

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This right is limited to the irrigation of 33.0 acres within the authorized place of use in a single irrigation season.
2. 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.72A.
3. 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).
4. Rights 72-16888, 72-16889 and 72-16890 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 33.0 acres.
5. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 57.3 acres.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16888
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

6. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 are limited to the irrigation of a specific 57.3 acres within the 230.4 acre place of use authorized by these rights in a single irrigation season. The specific 57.3 acres to be irrigated by the right holder are shown in the electronic shape file associated with these rights in the geographic information system component of the water rights database maintained by the department. Before changing the 57.3 acres to be irrigated within the 230.4 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.
7. This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
8. The right holder shall accomplish the change authorized by this transfer within one year of the date of this approval.
9. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.
10. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1412(6), this water right is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of water rights as determined by the Snake River Basin Adjudication court in the final unified decree entered 08/26/2014.

WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16889
As Modified by Transfer No. 89483

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 89483, Water Right No. 72-16889 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
 PO BOX 10
 CHALLIS, ID 83226-0010

Priority Date: 12/15/1917

Source: CHALLIS CREEK

Tributary: SALMON RIVER

BENEFICIAL USE

IRRIGATION

From

04/01

To

to 11/01

Diversion Rate

0.660 cfs

0.660 cfs

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

CHALLIS CREEK
 CHALLIS CREEK

SESESE
 NWNENW

Sec 4 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County (R)
 Sec 9 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County

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	
14N	19E	3	13.0	19.0	40.0	29.0	8.4			40.0	40.0				21.0	19.0		1.0	230.4
			L 1	L 2			L 3			L 5									

Right Acre Limit: 33.0

POU Total Acres: 230.4

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This right is limited to the irrigation of 33.0 acres within the authorized place of use in a single irrigation season.
2. 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. 72A.
3. 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).
4. Rights 72-16888, 72-16889 and 72-16890 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 33.0 acres.
5. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 57.3 acres.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16889
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

6. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 are limited to the irrigation of a specific 57.3 acres within the 230.4 acre place of use authorized by these rights in a single irrigation season. The specific 57.3 acres to be irrigated by the right holder are shown in the electronic shape file associated with these rights in the geographic information system component of the water rights database maintained by the department. Before changing the 57.3 acres to be irrigated within the 230.4 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.
7. This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
8. The right holder shall accomplish the change authorized by this transfer within one year of the date of this approval.
9. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.
10. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1412(6), this water right is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of water rights as determined by the Snake River Basin Adjudication court in the final unified decree entered 08/26/2014.

WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16890

As Modified by Transfer No. 89483

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 89483, Water Right No. 72-16890 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
PO BOX 10
CHALLIS, ID 83226-0010

Priority Date: 5/1/1879

Source: CHALLIS CREEK

Tributary: SALMON RIVER

BENEFICIAL USE

IRRIGATION

From

04/01

To

to 10/31

Diversion Rate

0.750 cfs

0.750 cfs

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

CHALLIS CREEK
CHALLIS CREEK

SESESE
NWNENW

Sec 4 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County (R)
Sec 9 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County

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	
14N	19E	3	13.0	19.0	40.0	29.0	8.4			40.0	40.0				21.0	19.0		1.0	230.4
			L 1	L 2			L 3			L 5									

Right Acre Limit: 33.0

POU Total Acres: 230.4

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This right is limited to the irrigation of 33.0 acres within the authorized place of use in a single irrigation season.
2. 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. 72A.
3. 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).
4. Rights 72-16888, 72-16889 and 72-16890 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 33.0 acres.
5. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 57.3 acres.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16890
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

6. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 are limited to the irrigation of a specific 57.3 acres within the 230.4 acre place of use authorized by these rights in a single irrigation season. The specific 57.3 acres to be irrigated by the right holder are shown in the electronic shape file associated with these rights in the geographic information system component of the water rights database maintained by the department. Before changing the 57.3 acres to be irrigated within the 230.4 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.
7. This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
8. The right holder shall accomplish the change authorized by this transfer within one year of the date of this approval.
9. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.
10. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1412(6), this water right is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of water rights as determined by the Snake River Basin Adjudication court in the final unified decree entered 08/26/2014.

WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16893**As Modified by Transfer No. 89483**

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 89483, Water Right No. 72-16893 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
PO BOX 10
CHALLIS, ID 83226-0010

Priority Date: 5/1/1879

Source: CHALLIS CREEK

Tributary: SALMON RIVER

BENEFICIAL USE

IRRIGATION

From

04/01

to 10/31

To**Diversion Rate**

0.230 cfs

0.230 cfs

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

CHALLIS CREEK SESESE Sec 4 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County (R)
CHALLIS CREEK NWNENW Sec 9 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County

PLACE OF USE: IRRIGATION

			NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
Twp	Rng	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
14N	19E	3	13.0	19.0	40.0	29.0	8.4			40.0	40.0				21.0	19.0		1.0	230.4
			L 1	L 2			L 3			L 5									

Right Acre Limit: 22.0

POU Total Acres: 230.4

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This right is limited to the irrigation of 22.0 acres within the authorized place of use in a single irrigation season.
2. 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. 72A.
3. 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).
4. Rights 72-16893 and 72-16895 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 0.53 cfs and the irrigation of 22.0 acres.
5. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 57.3 acres.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16893
As Modified by Transfer No. 89483

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

6. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 are limited to the irrigation of a specific 57.3 acres within the 230.4 acre place of use authorized by these rights in a single irrigation season. The specific 57.3 acres to be irrigated by the right holder are shown in the electronic shape file associated with these rights in the geographic information system component of the water rights database maintained by the department. Before changing the 57.3 acres to be irrigated within the 230.4 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.
7. This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
8. The right holder shall accomplish the change authorized by this transfer within one year of the date of this approval.
9. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.
10. Pursuant to Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code, this water right is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of water rights as may be determined by the Snake River Basin Adjudication court at a point in time no later than the entry of the final unified decree.

WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16895**As Modified by Transfer No. 89483**

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 89483, Water Right No. 72-16895 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
PO BOX 10
CHALLIS, ID 83226-0010

Priority Date: 4/15/1912

Source: CHALLIS CREEK

Tributary: SALMON RIVER

BENEFICIAL USE

IRRIGATION

From

04/01

To

to 10/31

Diversion Rate

0.300 cfs

0.300 cfs

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

CHALLIS CREEK
CHALLIS CREEK

SESESE
NWNENW

Sec 4 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County (R)
Sec 9 Twp 14N Rge 19E CUSTER County

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	
14N	19E	3	13.0	19.0	40.0	29.0	8.4			40.0	40.0				21.0	19.0		1.0	230.4
			L 1	L 2			L 3			L 5									

Right Acre Limit: 22.0

POU Total Acres: 230.4

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This right is limited to the irrigation of 22.0 acres within the authorized place of use in a single irrigation season.
2. 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. 72A.
3. 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).
4. Rights 72-16893 and 72-16895 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 0.53 cfs and the irrigation of 22.0 acres.
5. Rights 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893 and 72-16895 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 57.3 acres.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 72-16895

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

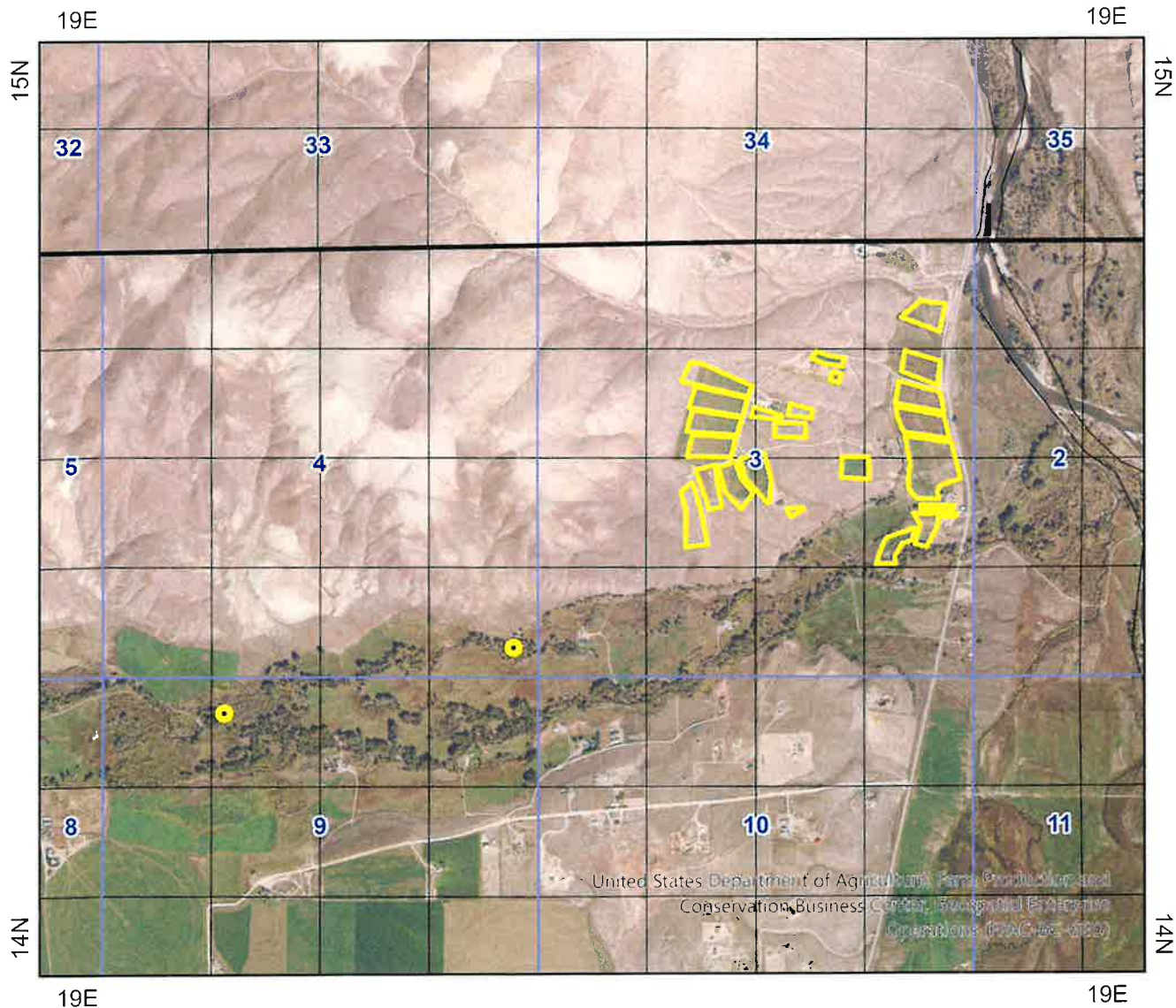
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8. The right holder shall accomplish the change authorized by this transfer within one year of the date of this approval.
9. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.
10. Pursuant to Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code, this water right is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of water rights as may be determined by the Snake River Basin Adjudication court at a point in time no later than the entry of the final unified decree.

State of Idaho
Department of Water Resources

Attachment to Transfer # 89483

72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893, and 72-16895
(IRRIGATION)

This map depicts the IRRIGATION place of use boundary for these water rights at the time of this approval and is attached to the approval document solely for illustrative purposes.



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|  Point of Diversion |  Townships |
|  Place Of Use Boundary |  Sections |
|  State Outline |  Quarter Quarters |



0 0.3 0.6 0.9 1.2 Miles



Imagery: 2023 Aerial Photography
Prepared By Skinner, Corey



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

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Governor Brad Little

Director Mathew Weaver

June 3, 2026

STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
PO BOX 10
CHALLIS ID 83226-0010

Re: Transfer No: 89483

Water Right No(s): 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893, 72-16895

Transfer Approval Notice

Dear Water Right Holder and other Interested Persons:

The Department of Water Resources has issued the enclosed approved Transfer of Water Right(s). Please be sure to thoroughly review the conditions of approval and remarks listed on the approval document.

The Transfer of Water Right(s) is a PRELIMINARY ORDER issued by the Department pursuant to section 67-5243, Idaho Code. It can and will become a final order without further action by the Department unless the APPLICANT petitions for reconsideration or files an exception and/or brief within fourteen (14) days of the service date as described in the enclosed information sheet.

ANY PERSON aggrieved by any decision, determination, order or action of the Department and who has not previously been afforded an opportunity for a hearing on the matter may request a hearing pursuant to section 42-1701A(3), Idaho Code. A written petition contesting the action of the Department and requesting a hearing shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the denial or conditional approval.

If the transfer approval includes a condition requiring measuring and recording devices, such devices shall comply with specifications established by the Department. Detailed specifications are available on the Department's home page on the Internet, or you can request a copy by contacting any office of the Department. Please be sure to thoroughly review the specifications to avoid unnecessary costs for reinstallation or modification due to non-conforming or improperly installed devices.

Please note that water right owners are required to report any change of water right ownership and/or mailing address to the Department within 120 days of the change. Failure to report these changes could result in a \$100 late filing fee. Contact any office of the Department or visit the Department's homepage on the Internet to obtain the proper forms and instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 736-3033.

Sincerely,



Corey Skinner
Southern Regional Manager

Enclosure

c:

WATER DISTRICT 72A
DAVID PHILPS
PO BOX 910
CHALLIS ID 83226-0910

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

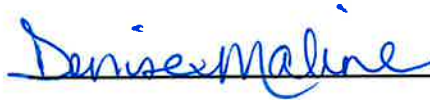
I hereby certify that on June 3, 2026 I mailed a true and correct copy, postage prepaid, of the foregoing PRELIMINARY ORDER (Approved Transfer) to the person(s) listed below:

Re: Transfer No.: 89483

Water Right No(s): 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893, 72-16895

STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN
PO BOX 10
CHALLIS ID 83226-0010

WATER DISTRICT 72A
DAVID PHILPS
PO BOX 910
CHALLIS ID 83226-0910



Denise Maline
Administrative Assistant

EXPLANATORY INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY A PRELIMINARY ORDER

(To be used in connection with actions when a hearing was **not** held)

The accompanying document is a “**Preliminary Order**” issued by the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”) pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5243. **This preliminary order can and will become a final order without further action of the Department, unless a party petitions for reconsideration, petitions for review, or requests a hearing as further described below:**

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

(See Idaho Code § 67-5243(3))

Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of this preliminary order with the Department within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order as shown on the certificate of service. **Note: the petition must be received by the Department within this fourteen (14) day period.** The presiding officer will issue a written order disposing of the petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law.

PETITION FOR REVIEW (EXCEPTIONS)

(See Idaho Code § 67-5245)

Within fourteen (14) days after: (a) the service date of this preliminary order, (b) the service date of a denial of a petition for reconsideration of this preliminary order, or (c) the failure of the presiding officer to dispose of a petition for reconsideration of this preliminary order within twenty-one (21) days, any party may petition the Director in writing to review any part of this preliminary order by filing exceptions, and any supporting brief, with the Department.¹ Any parties opposing the exceptions shall have fourteen (14) days from the service date of the exceptions to file a brief. If the Director determines that oral argument is necessary, the Director will provide reasonable notice to the parties of the place, date, and hour for the argument.

The Director will issue a final order on exceptions within fifty-six (56) days of receipt of the final written brief or oral argument, whichever is later, unless extended for good cause. The Director may remand the matter for or hold an evidentiary hearing if further factual development of the record is necessary before issuing a final order.

REQUEST FOR HEARING

(See Idaho Code § 42-1701A(3))

Unless the right to a hearing before the Director or the Water Resource Board is otherwise provided by statute, any person aggrieved by any final decision, determination, order,

¹ The Director may decide to review this preliminary order upon his own motion. Should the Director decide to do so, the Director will provide written notice to the parties within the period the parties are allowed to petition the Director for review of the preliminary order.

or action of the Director of the Department and who has not previously been afforded an opportunity for a hearing on the matter shall be entitled to a hearing before the Director to contest the action. The person shall file with the Director, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice of the action issued by the Director, or receipt of actual notice, a written petition stating the grounds for contesting the action by the Director and requesting a hearing. **Note: The request must be received by the Department within this fifteen (15) day period.**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

(See IDAPA 37.01.01.053, 37.01.01.202)

All documents filed with the Department in connection with a petition for reconsideration, petition for review, or a request for hearing of this preliminary order shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding in accordance with Rules 53 and 202 of the Department's Rules of Procedure.

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 30, 2026
To: Transfer 89483
From: Bill Mills
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency Memorandum

Application proposes combining six Challis Creek irrigation rights (combined total 2.21 cfs) to create a 230.4 acre permissible place of use (PPU). Irrigation will be limited to 57.3 acres within the PPU. No changes are proposed for the Challis Creek points of diversion. Current place of use and proposed PPU are located approximately 4.3 to 5.0 miles north and 0.9 to 1.5 miles east of the intersection of Main St. and Hwy 93 in Challis in the Stephens Gulch Homestead Subdivision.

All PODs, current and proposed place of use are located in Water District 72A and Watermaster comments were solicited and no response was received.

- **Authority to File:** Applicant is listed as the current owner of four of the water rights in this application. Owners of the remaining two water rights provided quitclaims assigning ownership of the water rights to the applicant. A change of ownership for the two rights is being processed as part of this transfer application.
- **Water Right Validity:** All water rights in this transfer were decreed in the SRBA on or prior to 12/1/2000. Recent aerial imagery indicates the grounds associated with the current POU appear to be irrigated.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.

- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No issues anticipated.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use of water.
- **Effect on the Economy of the Local Area:**
None Anticipated.
- **Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Economy:**
None Anticipated.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.



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County of Bonneville

I, Collins Crapo, first being duly sworn, depose and say: That I am the Processing Clerk employed by Adams Publishing Group of the Rockies LLC, publishers of The Challis Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation, published 1 day, Thursday at Challis, Idaho.

That the notice, of which a copy is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said The Challis Messenger and on IdahoPublicNotices.com for 2 day(s), first publication having been made on 03/05/2026 last publication having been made on 03/12/2026, and that the said notice was published in the regular and entire issue of said paper on the respective dates of publication, and that such notice was published in the newspaper and not in a supplement.



Collins Crapo
Idaho Falls, ID

_____, attached jurat _____

STATE OF IDAHO

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COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE

On this 12th day of March, 2026 before me, the undersigned, a Notary public for said state, personally appeared Collins Crapo, Processing Clerk employed by Adams Publishing Group of the Rockies LLC, publishers of The Challis Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation, known or identified to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.





Beth Crossley
Notary Public for APG of the Rockies
Residing: Idaho Falls, Idaho
Commission expires: 7/28/2028

✓ *dm* 3/17/2026

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 89483**

STEPHENS GULCH HOMESTEADS WATER ASSN, PO BOX 10, CHALLIS, ID 83226-0010 has filed Application No. 89483 for changes to the following water rights within CUSTER County(s): Right No(s). 72-16677, 72-16888, 72-16889, 72-16890, 72-16893, 72-16895; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: Application proposes combining six Challis Creek irrigation rights (combined total 2.21 cfs) to create a 230.4 acre permissible place of use (PPU). Irrigation will be limited to 57.3 acres within the PPU. No changes are proposed for the Challis Creek points of diversion. Current place of use and proposed PPU are located approximately 4.3 to 5.0 miles north and 0.9 to 1.5 miles east of the intersection of Main St. and Hwy 93 in Challis in the Stephens Gulch Homestead Sub-division.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Southern Region office at (208)736-3033. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Southern Region, 650 ADDISON AVE W STE 500, TWIN FALLS ID 83301-5858 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before **March 23, 2026**. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

MATHEW WEAVER
Director

Published: March 5, 12, 2026 (CM12622-721085)

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Mills, Bill

From: STephen Bauchman <sbauchman@challiscrk.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 6:51 PM
To: Mills, Bill
Subject: Re: HDR Inc.

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Mr. Mills:

'thank you for the notification, as we discussed months ago our preference is to deal with you directly. Mr. Skinner and yourself were detailed, specific and provided direction.

HDR is paid up through the last services early last year. There is NO REASON to continue to provide information.

STephen Bauchman
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P.O. Box 10
Challis, Idaho 83226

On Mar 3, 2026, at 10:36 AM, Mills, Bill <Bill.Mills@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

Stephen,
HDR inc. contacted us about your transfer application as they are still listed as your representative on the application and we sent them a copy of the letter indicating the advertising dates (same letter we sent to you).

Do you still want them to represent you on this transfer application? If so, we will continue to send them correspondence. If not, we won't send them anymore correspondence.

Sincerely,

<image001.jpg>

Bill Mills

Sr Water Resource Agent

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From: Graves, Lori <Lori.Graves@hdrinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 10:21 AM
To: Mills, Bill
Subject: RE: Stephens Gulch Homesteads Water Association Transfer Application

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So glad we were fired. Thanks Bill.

Lori Graves, Sr. Water Rights Specialist
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From: Mills, Bill <Bill.Mills@idwr.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 10:15 AM
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Hi Lori!

After I sent the letter of rejection, Mr. Bauchman came into our office to discuss the transfer and what he needed to provide for us to move forward with the transfer application. After multiple visits, he provided us with quitclaim deeds for the subdivision lots assigning ownership of the water rights to the water association. Once we had everything, it was forwarded to advertising. When I read your email, I realized that we forgot to have him sign anything indicating HDR no longer represented him and as such, your firm is still listed as the representative on the application. My apologies, I didn't even think about it until, as I previously stated, I read your email. Sincerely,



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Lori & Scott,

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