

**STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

**TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 90588**

This is to certify that: CHLOE NICHOLS AND
DEREK A NICHOLS
4068 W HOUSTON RD
MACKAY, ID 83251

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>
34-12366	WR/DECREEED	3/2/1887	2.620 cfs	N/A	N/A	117.0	BIG LOST RIVER
34-2408A	WR/DECREEED	4/5/1961	2.440 cfs	409.5 af	N/A	117.0	GROUND WATER
34-2408B	WR/DECREEED	4/5/1961	1.540 cfs	269.5 af	N/A	77.0	GROUND WATER
34-691A	WR/DECREEED	3/2/1887	1.600 cfs	N/A	N/A	77.0	BIG LOST RIVER

Associated Water Rights Also Included in the Transfer Approval (Conditions Updated)

<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>
34-14971	WR/DECREEED	6/1/1899	0.560 cfs	N/A		26.0	BIG LOST RIVER

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>
34-12366	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
34-2408A	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
34-2408B	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
34-691A	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO

Summary Of Water Rights After the Approved Change

<u>Existing Right</u>	<u>New Right No.</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>
34-12366 34-691A	34-15001	4.220 cfs	N/A	N/A	194.0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
34-2408A 34-2408B	34-14999	3.980 cfs	679.0 af	N/A	194.0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMBINED TOTALS		5.150 cfs	N/A	N/A	194.0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**Support Data
In File # 34-691A**

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 90588

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 25th day of August, 2026.


Water Resources Program Manager



Transfer No. 90588

Support Data
In File # 34-691A

WATER RIGHT NO. 34-14999

As Modified by Transfer No. 90588

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 90588, Water Right No. 34-14999 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: DEREK NICHOLS AND
CHLOE NICHOLS
4068 W HOUSTON RD
MACKAY, ID 83251

Priority Date: 4/5/1961

Source: GROUND WATER

<u>BENEFICIAL USE</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Diversion Volume</u>
IRRIGATION	04/01	to 10/31	3.980 cfs	679.0 af
			3.980 cfs	679.0 af

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

GROUND WATER NWNWNW Sec 10 Twp 04N Rge 26E BUTTE 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	
04N	26E	10					25.2	32.0	37.0	26.0		37.8	36.0						194.0

POU Total Acres: 194.0

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Rights 34-14999 and 34-15001 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 5.15 cfs and the irrigation of 194 acres.
2. Rights 34-14999, 34-15001 and 34-14971 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 211.8 acres.
3. 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. 34.
4. A lockable device subject to the approval of the Department shall be maintained on the diverting works in a manner that will provide the watermaster suitable control of the diversion.
5. Prior to the diversion and use of water under Transfer approval 90588, the right holder shall install and maintain acceptable measuring device(s) at the authorized point(s) of diversion in accordance with Department specifications, or shall obtain an approved variance from the Department to determine the amount of water diverted from power records or to maintain an existing measuring device.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 34-14999
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

6. Upon specific notification of the Department, the right holder shall install and maintain data loggers to record water usage information at the authorized point(s) of diversion in accordance with Department specifications.
7. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 3.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
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. Right 34-14999 is a combination of former rights 34-2408A and 34-2408B.
11. 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. 34-15001

As Modified by Transfer No. 90588

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 90588, Water Right No. 34-15001 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: DEREK NICHOLS AND
CHLOE NICHOLS
4068 W HOUSTON RD
MACKAY, ID 83251

Priority Date: 3/2/1887

Source: BIG LOST RIVER

Tributary: SINKS

<u>BENEFICIAL USE</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>
IRRIGATION	05/01	to 10/15	4.220 cfs
			4.220 cfs

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

BIG LOST RIVER NWSESE Sec 4 Twp 05N Rge 26E BUTTE 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	
04N	26E	10					25.2	32.0	37.0	26.0		37.8	36.0						194.0

POU Total Acres: 194.0

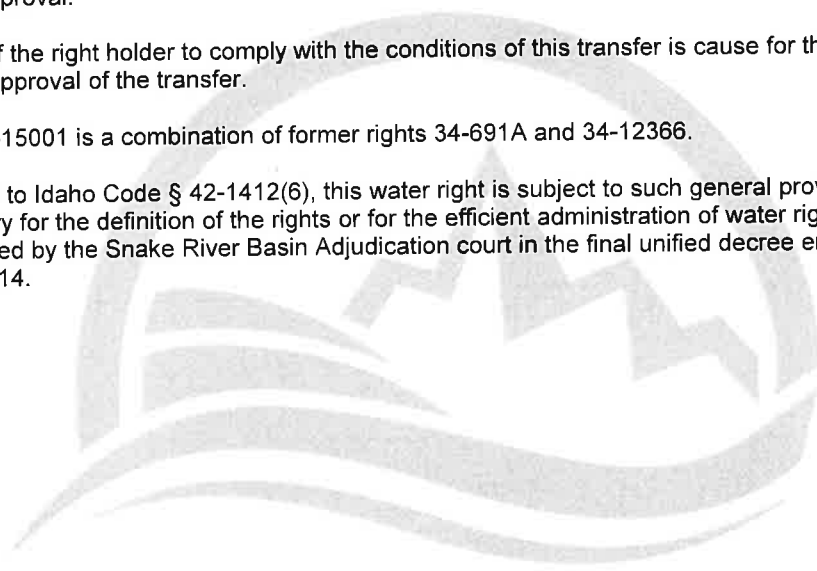
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Rights 34-14999 and 34-15001 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 5.15 cfs and the irrigation of 194 acres.
2. Rights 34-14999, 34-15001 and 34-14971 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 211.8 acres.
3. 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. 34.
4. 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).
5. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 3.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 34-15001
As Modified by Transfer No. 90588

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

6. The period of use for irrigation described above may be extended in seasons of unusual characteristics to a beginning date of 04-20 and an ending date of 10-31 at the discretion of the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
 7. Water is delivered through West Side Canal.
 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. Right 34-15001 is a combination of former rights 34-691A and 34-12366.
 11. 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.
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WATER RIGHT NO. 34-14971

As Modified by Transfer No. 90588

In accordance with the approval of Transfer No. 90588, Water Right No. 34-14971 is now described as follows:

Right Holder: DEREK A NICHOLS
4068 W HOUSTON RD
MACKAY, ID 83251

Priority Date: 6/1/1899

Source: BIG LOST RIVER

Tributary: SINKS

BENEFICIAL USE
IRRIGATION

From 05/01 **To** 10/15

Diversion Rate
0.560 cfs
0.560 cfs

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

BIG LOST RIVER NWSESE Sec 4 Twp 05N Rge 26E BUTTE 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	
04N	26E	10					16.0			10.0									26.0

POU Total Acres: 26.0

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Rights 34-14999, 34-15001 and 34-14971 when combined shall not exceed the irrigation of 211.8 acres.
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. 34.
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. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 3.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
5. The period of use for irrigation described above may be extended in seasons of unusual characteristics to a beginning date of 04-20 and an ending date of 10-31 at the discretion of the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

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WATER RIGHT NO. 34-14971
As Modified by Transfer No. 90588

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

6. The right holder shall accomplish the change authorized by this transfer within one year of the date of this approval.
7. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.
8. 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.



Attachment to Transfer Approval 90588

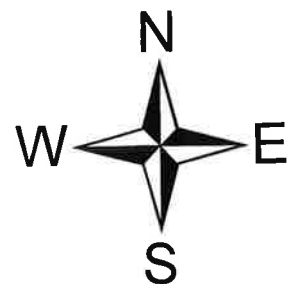
This map depicts the place of use boundary at the time of this transfer approval and is attached to the approval document solely for illustrative purposes.



Legend

-  Water Right POU
-  Township/Range
-  Sections
-  QQ

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet



Date: 8/25/2026



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

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Director Mathew Weaver

August 25, 2026

DEREK A NICHOLS
CHLOE NICHOLS
4068 W HOUSTON RD
MACKAY ID 83251

Re: Transfer No: 90588
Water Right No(s): 34-691A , 34-2408A , 34-2408B , 34-12366, 34-14971,
34-14999, 34-15000, 34-15001, 34-15002

Transfer Approval Notice

Dear Water Right Holder:

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) 525-7161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CH', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Christina Henman
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

CC:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 25, 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.: 90588

**Water Right No(s): 34-691A , 34-2408A , 34-2408B , 34-12366, 34-14971,
34-14999, 34-15000, 34-15001, 34-15002**

**DEREK A NICHOLS
CHLOE NICHOLS
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**Christina Henman
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.