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Karl Dreher, Director
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Mr. Dreher,

I would like a hearing in the matter of distribution of water to water right numbers 34-372A, 34-372B, and 34-690B.

My grounds for contesting the order with regard to this matter are as follows.

1. My ground water right was established in 1961 to augment the surface water right attached to my field but I have only had access to ground water for this right since June 30, 2004. I have not had enough time to develop a mitigation plan or join a water user group with an acceptable plan.
2. My surface water right was established on June 1, 1884 and is delivered through the same diversion as the water rights listed in this matter. My ground water right was established to remedy the same injury as that of the water rights listed in this matter. I acquired the property with these rights in August 2002 and need to decide whether I also should request augmentation of flows from the Big Lost to mitigate depletion under your department's conjunctive management rules.



Bruce Blackmer