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DEPARTMENT OF  
WATER RESOURCES

December 20, 2005

To: The director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources,  
Re: Water District 140 formal hearing

We the undersigned members of the Magic Valley Ground Water District, farming south of the Snake River and north of Interstate 86, do petition the Director to accept us into the newly created Water District 140. It is our intention, if approved, to join Southwest Irrigation for purposes of water measurement and reporting. If necessary we are also prepared to create a new irrigation district to represent the northeast portion of Cassia county.

A little history of our area may help you in your decision. We farm in an area known as the Jackson area. It is unique in that it is part of Cassia County, but, because of the location of the bridges, we have Rupert addresses and our children attend Rupert schools. Many of our associations are with other farmers north of the river and several years ago when water issues began to surface we became pro-active and joined with our neighbors to the north and formed the Magic Valley Ground Water District.

Now that basin 45 has been adjudicated, we have the opportunity to join our neighbors to the south and west and become part of the newly created Water District 140.

We respectfully submit three reasons why we prefer to be part of this new water district.

1. According to the water model used by the state of Idaho, the hydrology south of the Snake river is substantially different than the hydrology north of the Snake river.
2. The south side canal from Minidoka Dam(which supplies surface water to the ground south of Burley) runs through the middle of our farms. We feel this vital artery between us and the rest of Cassia county will prove to be a very positive advantage for water management.
3. The Snake River forms a natural boundary for separation of these two state water districts.

Thank you for your consideration on this very important issue. If you should have any questions, you may contact us by calling 436-1214. A secretary will answer. You may then request to talk with any of the undersigned petitioners and you will be directed to them.

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