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May 14, 2007

Gary Spackman
Administrator
Idaho Department of Water Resources
322 E. Front St. Boise, ID 83720-0098
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Dear Mr. Spackman,

Re: Water rights 72-10276, and 72-10272.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has been working with the water users on Challis Creek to install fish screens and improve fish passage for several years. As a water user on the Lowline Canal, I agreed to transfer my water rights into the Highline Canal, helping to eliminate a fish barrier at the point of diversion on the Lowline Canal. The consolidation of the Lowline and Highline Canals was approved in the annual board meeting of the Challis Creek water users, two years ago. In anticipation of spring 2007 project construction, I applied for a point of diversion transfer, and my application was approved in July 2006. Due to delays in engineering, the project was not completed this spring as planned. At this time, the High Line Canal is in operation for the rest of the irrigation season. Construction will now be delayed until fall. Because this project could not be completed on schedule, through no fault of my own, I respectfully request a reasonable accommodation to continue to withdraw water from the Low Line Canal for the 2007 irrigation season. Thus, it has become necessary to ask for an extension of the transfer. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Delbert Hughes