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September 6, 2016

Director Gary Spackman
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Sent Via Email to Gary.Spackman@idwr.idaho.gov
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RE: Creation of ESPA Ground Water Management Area

Dear Director Spackman:

The members of the Big Wood & Little Wood Water Users Association ("Association"), are holders of surface water rights diverting from the Big Wood River below Magic Dam, and diverting from the Little Wood River below its confluence with Silver Creek. I write to provide the Association's comments concerning the Idaho Department of Water Resources' ("Department"), proposal for the creation of a Ground Water Management Area ("GWMA") over the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer ("ESPA"), and its tributary basins.

The Association supports the creation of GWMA. It is the collective belief of the members of the Association that the GWMA is necessary to facilitate conjunctive management of the ground and surface water rights within the proposed boundaries of the proposed GWMA, and necessary to effectively enforce the prior appropriation doctrine. The Association believes the GWMA should include the ESPA along with its tributary basins, including but not limited to, the Big Wood River Basin and the Little Wood River Basin.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Arkoosh

John Arkoosh, President
Big Wood & Little Wood Water Users Association

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From:	Spackman, Gary
To:	Rigby, Richard; White, Kimi; Baxter, Garrick
Subject:	FW: Creation of ESPA Ground Water Management Area
Date:	Wednesday, September 21, 2016 9:35:07 AM
Attachments:	Letter to Gary Spackman 9-21-16.pdf
Importance:	High

FYI.

From: Dana [mailto:dana@brownjameslaw.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Spackman, Gary
Subject: Creation of ESPA Ground Water Management Area
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Mr. Spackman,

Please see the attached correspondence from John Arkoosh, President of the Big Wood & Little Wood Water Users Association. Thank you.

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