

Petition for Reconsideration
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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
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Hidden Valley Dairy Farm
Afton & Perry Van Tassell
1115 North 1650 West
Paul Idaho 83347
Water Right Number 36-07784B, 36-07784A, 36-07966

State of Idaho Department of Water
Water District 130
1341 Fillmore ST. STE 200
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380

Dear Director:

I don't understand why the State Of Idaho would basically run a Family owed farm out of business. The facts of economics is clear there is a drastic difference in economic benefit from Dairy and Farming verse Fish farming in Idaho. Not to saw that fish farming isn't important but shutting the water off in Hidden Valley will have no effect on spring flows for many, many years. But shutting water off for farming when it would only take 2-3 weeks longer to make the crop is devastation to a small family farm. Our farm is totally organic and it is not like we could just go out and buy organic feed for our dairy, the feed is not out there to buy. The curtailment makes little sense when my neighbor to the west has a curtailment date of 1983 and mine is 1977. You know as well as I that him pumping a 1983 water right is defiantly affecting my 1977 right. If it is not I know 40-45 miles to the west I'm not affecting a Clear Springs 1977 right. I know that the state doesn't won't to be the bad guys, but when you build a highway or a dam that is for the benefit of the majority of the people the state buys the land that is affected at a fair market value price. Why can't the state buy out the spring users, it is definitely the best economical decision for the State Of Idaho and it's citizens,

Sincerely!



Perry Van Tassell