

**NOTICE OF MITIGATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE IDAHO GROUND WATER APPROPRIATORS, INC. IN RESPONSE TO THE RANGEN, INC. WATER DELIVERY CALL**

Notice is hereby given that on February 11, 2014, the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. (IGWA), through its counsel, c/o Randy C. Budge, Racine Olson Nye Budge & Bailey, PO Box 1391, Pocatello, ID, 83204-1391, and on behalf of its Ground Water District members, and its other water user members, for and on behalf of their respective members and those ground water users who are non-member participants for mitigation purposes (collectively the "Ground Water Users"), submitted IGWA's Mitigation Plan ("plan" or "mitigation plan") for the Rangen Inc. Delivery Call ("call") to the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department"). The Department will process this plan pursuant to the Department's Conjunctive Management Rules (IDAPA 37.03.11).

The plan is intended to satisfy the mitigation obligations of the call as defined in the January 29, 2014, "Final Order Regarding Rangen Inc's Petition For Delivery Call; Curtailing Ground Water Rights Junior to July 13, 1962" ("order") issued by the Director. The order, plan, and other related documents may be viewed online at the following website link: <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/News/WaterCalls/1000Spring%20Users%20Calls/Rangen.htm>

Rangen Inc. ("Rangen") holds water rights for fish propagation rights from the Martin-Curren Tunnel which is hydrologically connected to the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ("ESPA"). The Ground Water Users consist of numerous landowners who hold ground water rights for irrigation, commercial, municipal, industrial and other non-deminimis consumptive uses located within the ESPA. Certain of these ground water rights have priority dates junior to the priority dates of rights held by Rangen.

The Ground Water Users have proposed a plan to mitigate injury to Rangen's senior water rights that result from depletions under junior priority ground water rights held by the Ground Water Users. The plan includes multiple proposals including:

- Request for credit for current and ongoing mitigation activities
- Mitigation via delivery of senior irrigation water rights from the Martin-Curren Tunnel
- Assignment of Application for Permit No. 36-16976
- Fish Replacement
- Monetary Compensation
- Improvements to Martin-Curren Tunnel diversion
- Horizontal well
- Vertical well(s) with delivery over-the-rim
- Direct Pump-Back

The Department has not determined the adequacy of the proposed plan. A complete copy of the proposed plan is available for review at either the Department's State Office in Boise, the Department's Regional Offices in Twin Falls, or at the website link above.

Any protest against approval of the plan must be filed with the Department, together with a protest fee of \$25, within ten days of the last day of publication of this notice. The protest must include a certificate of service showing that a copy of the protest has been mailed to or served on IGWA, and its counsel.

Gary Spackman, Director

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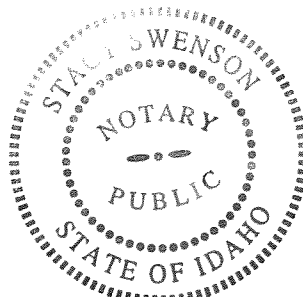
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