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October 9, 2017

RE: Mitigation and Aquifer Enhancement Plan of and for the Upper Big Lost River Ground Water Association Users

Dear Director Spackman,

Thank you for your letter dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in response to the Upper Big Lost River Ground Water Association's request for consideration and approval of our *Mitigation and Aquifer Enhancement Plan of and for the Upper Big Lost River Ground Water Association Users*.

You requested clarification as to whether the intent of the Plan is to address:

- (1) mitigation pursuant to Rule 50.04 of the Department's Water Distribution Rules for Water District 34 (IDAPA 37.03.12),
- (2) mitigation pursuant to the Department's Rules for Conjunctive Management of Surface and Ground Water Resources (CM Rules) (IDAPA 37.03.11), or
- (3) both of the above

On September 12<sup>th</sup> I met with Deputy Director Weaver in the Boise IDWR Office and we had a productive discussion regarding this lack of clarity in the submitted plan and accompanying cover letter.

The Association's intent of the Plan is to be considered for (3) both of the above. The Association has updated the Plan to clarify this intent. We have also refined the the use of mitigation Storage Water pertinent to those UBLRGWA members above the reservoir.

Please use the updated copy of the Plan enclosed to post for comment. Feel free to contact me at any time should any additional clarification be required.

Sincerely,



Rick Mauthe  
For the Upper Big Lost River Ground Water Association

cc: Mat Weaver, Deputy Director, IDWR  
Lucas Yockey, Basin 34 Water Master

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