

**NOTICE OF MITIGATION PLAN
SUBMITTED BY THE A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT IN RESPONSE
TO THE RANGEN, INC. WATER
DELIVERY CALL**

Notice is hereby given that on March 7, 2014, the A&B Irrigation District (A&B), through its counsel, c/o Travis L. Thompson, Barker Rosholt & Simpson LLP, 195 River Vista Pl, Ste 204, Twin Falls, ID, 83301-3029, submitted A&B'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 A&B's mitigation obligation related to 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"). A&B holds numerous ground water rights for irrigation within the ESPA. Certain of these ground water rights have priority dates junior to the priority dates of rights held by Rangen.

A&B has proposed a plan to mitigate injury to Rangen's senior water rights that result from depletions under junior priority ground water rights held by A&B. The plan proposes:

- Curtailment of 1377.8 acres within Unit B irrigated by A&B's senior ground water right 36-2080 that is senior to that of Rangen.
- Conversion of 1378 acres from ground water to surface water supply using stored water in American Falls and Palisades Reservoirs.
- Enrollment of 121 acres in the federal CREP program.

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 A&B Irrigation district and its counsel.

Gary Spackman, Director
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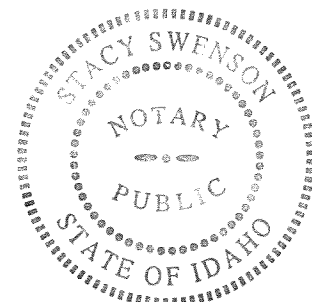
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