Dear Director Spackman,

Earlier this year a number of Ground Water right holders within Basin 34 elected to exercise their right to petition the Big Lost River Ground Water District for exclusion from said District. These petitions were granted by the Board of the District.

22 of these excluded users, holding licenses for 12.6% of the total licensed irrigation ground water CFS in Basin 34, have united together to form the Upper Big Lost River Ground Water Association (Association or UBLRGWA).

The Association is incorporated as a Non-Profit Corporation LTD with the State of Idaho. The primary purpose of the Association is to provide mitigation, when required, as a unified entity of and for its members. Members of the Association are also actively involved in ground water recharge projects to stabilize and improve the aquifer.

Enclosed is the Association’s Mitigation and Aquifer Enhancement Plan, adopted by the Association membership, and submitted to the Idaho Department of Water Resources for review and approval. A copy of the plan has been examined by the Basin 34 Watermaster and he has agreed that his role in the plan is workable.

The Association greatly appreciates your attention to the review of this document and would appreciate any feedback from you and your department. It is extremely important to the Association that we have a viable and available approved mitigation plan prepared and ready when needed.

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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