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Long-Range Planning Subcommittee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME JIM STONE / Brian McDonald **BUDGET**

ADDRESS PO BOX 148 OVANDO, MT **DATE** 1-22-07

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DIST / BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

AS A RANCHER, SUPERVISOR WITH NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE, I SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE LONG-TERM WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN THE BLACKFOOT VALLEY. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFICIENCIES OF CURRENT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS FOR WATER AND ENERGY SAVINGS, WHILE MAINTAINING OR INCREASING INSTREAM FLOWS. ALL OF OUR PARTNERS / LANDOWNERS ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Jim Stone Brian W. McDonald

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