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IDWR Eastern Region,
ATTN: James Cefalo, Regional Manager
900 N Skyline Ste. A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Sandi Bates
10 Cameron DR
North Fork, ID 83466

IDWR Eastern Region,
ATTN: Christina Henman, Administrative Assistant
900 N Skyline Ste. A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

David Graybill
Upper Salmon Basin Watermaster
IDWR
102 South Warpath
Salmon, ID 83467

**RE: Notice of Protest-Applications for Permit No. 75-15040 – Sheep Creek,
tributary to the North Fork Salmon River**

Dear James, Christina, Sandi and David:

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) has reviewed the above referenced Application for Permit submitted by Sandi Bates (Applicant). The Applicant seeks to appropriate 0.05 cfs of public surface water from Sheep Creek for the proposed irrigation of 1.7 acres from April 1 through October 31.

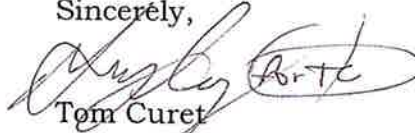
IDFG's mission encompasses assessment of potential water appropriation effects on public interest fish and wildlife resources. IDFG is specifically concerned that the proposed water diversion project may affect stream flow and ESA listed fish species by diminishing or altering the water supply, and adversely impacting aquatic and riparian habitat in the Sheep Creek Drainage.

IDFG is filing this protest per Idaho Code § 42-203A (4) to offer the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) technical assistance with decision making and recommendations to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on public interest resources (Idaho Code § 42-203A(5)(e); IDAPA 37.03.08.45.01.e.ii).

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please initiate the Interagency Billing for the applicable protest fee of \$25.00. The PCA is 11806 and the ABC code is B7/99. Please send the billing documents to IDFG Headquarters, Attention: Tom Bassista, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707. If information becomes available to alleviate concerns about potential adverse fishery, wetlands and stream flow effects, IDFG may amend or remove this protest. For questions and to arrange informal follow-up discussions, please contact the Region's Environmental Staff Biologist, Jeff Richards at 208-756-2271.

Keeping Idaho's Wildlife Heritage

Sincerely,



Tom Curet
Regional Supervisor

TC: jr

CC: Tom Bassista (IDFG-HQ)
Ann Vonde (Deputy Attorney General)
Greg Schoby (IDFG-Salmon)
Mike Demick (IDFG-Salmon)

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