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**VIA EMAIL
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Re: Request for Pre-Hearing Conference

**Application for Permit No(s). 65-24089, 77-14377, 77-14378, 77-14379, 77-14381;
Application for Transfer No(s). 85396, 85397, 85398, 85399; and
Application for Exchange No. 85538**

Dear Nick:

I represent Perpetua Resources Idaho, Inc. ("Perpetua") and am writing in relation to the following water right applications:

Application for Permit No(s). 65-24089, 77-14377, 77-14378, 77-14379, 77-14381;
Application for Transfer No(s). 85396, 85397, 85398, 85399; and
Application for Exchange No. 85538

Perpetua respectfully requests that the Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") schedule a pre-hearing conference, pursuant to the Department's Rule of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01.510), regarding the protests filed against the above applications.

As is encouraged by longstanding IDWR guidance, Perpetua has initiated discussions with the protestants with the hope to resolve the protests or at least many of the issues identified in the protests. However, Perpetua believes that a formal hearing will likely be necessary to resolve some or all of the protests. A pre-hearing conference will assist the parties in distinguishing issues that both sides believe can be resolved through informal discussions from issues that will require a formal hearing.

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Accordingly, Perpetua hereby requests that IDWR schedule a pre-hearing conference for the second week of February or as soon as can be arranged thereafter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Beaton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and last name "Beaton" clearly distinguishable.

Kevin J. Beaton

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U.S. Forest Service (Kathryn J. Conant, kathryn.conant@usda.gov)
Save the South Fork Salmon, Inc. (Julia S. Thrower, jthrower@mtntoplaw.com)