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December 2, 2021

BRP Inc.
c/o Doyle Beck
PO Box 1768
Idaho Falls, ID 83403-1768

Dear Mr. Beck:

On November 15, 2021, you sent an email asking for permission to remove the existing controlling works associated with the point of diversion for water rights 1-7103 and 1-10542. These two water rights authorize the diversion of water from the Snake River for recreation use in a man-made channel next to the river. Water from the Snake River flows into the recreation channel and returns to the river approximately 0.8 miles downstream. There is no control on the outlet of the recreation channel and water from the Snake River can flow into the outlet channel. The water rights include a condition requiring the right holder to maintain a lockable controlling works of a type approved by the Department at the point of diversion. When we met a couple of weeks ago, you explained that the existing culvert at the point of diversion is in a state of disrepair and has never been used to limit flow into the recreation channel.

I have discussed the existing point of diversion with the watermaster for Water District 1. The water district has never needed to shut off the inlet channel in the past and the watermaster cannot foresee any need to do so in the immediate future. Given the nature of the water rights, the difficulty of maintaining a control structure on the inlet channel, and the remote possibility of curtailment, I have determined that the current control structure for water rights 1-7103 and 1-10542 can be removed. You have agreed to use an inflatable coffer dam to block the inlet channel if the diversion ever needs to be closed in the future. Please feel free to call if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

James Cefalo
james.cefalo@idwr.idaho.gov

Cefalo, James

From: Doyle Beck <dhbeck@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 8:40 AM
To: Cefalo, James
Subject: Request to Remove Inlet Structure
Attachments: Application Permit.pdf; WR 1-10542 and 1-7103.pdf

Categories: ASAP

James Cefalo,
IDWR Regional Mgr.

Attached is a copy of our application and permit in 1989 to construct a diversion Inlet / outlet for the Gem Lake Harbor inland waterway.

Also attached is our (2) water rights for this above waterway. As you can see the C of A #3 R43 states: *The right holder shall maintain a measuring device and **lockable control works** of a type approved by the Department in a manner that will provide the watermaster suitable control of the diversion(s).*

We would like to remove the inlet structure that will create an open free-flowing inlet.

In the 30+ years of operating this waterway, this inlet structure has never been used. With the open outlet we are limited to stopping the flow from only one direction. We have a bridge structure that we utilize as a measuring device

We would propose for your approval a Water Filled Cofferdam, as an alternative, in the event IDWR required closure of the inlet. (see link below)

https://www.aquadam.net/water-filled-cofferdams/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA4b2MBhD2ARIsAIRC-B-QDincXidf8ai2B3QjonetEgwko0wbEkvKjuGTdMIJL8Zs1kJ57z8aAurNEALw_wcB

Please review and advise what steps we need to take in accomplishing this removal.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

BRP Inc

Doyle Beck

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