# State of Idaho Department of Water Resources

# **Permit to Appropriate Water**

No. 77-14325

Priority: August 28, 2009 Maximum Diversion Rate: 5.50 CFS

This is to certify that

VARIETY EXCURSIONS LLC 11405 PARK RD STE 180 ANCHORAGE KY 40223

has applied for a permit to appropriate water from:

Source: BEAR CREEK Tributary: SALMON RIVER

and a permit is APPROVED for development of water as follows:

Beneficial Use Period of Use Rate of Diversion

POWER 01/01 to 12/31 5.50 CFS

#### Location of Point(s) of Diversion

BEAR CREEK NW1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 9, Twp 24N, Rge 05E, B.M. IDAHO County

Place of Use: POWER

Twp	Rng	Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
24N	05E	9							- 30	Х									

#### Conditions of Approval

- 1. Proof of application of water to beneficial use shall be submitted on or before November 01, 2025.
- 2. Subject to all prior water rights.
- 3. The right holder shall install or construct a straight length of conduit or ditch suitable for installation of a device for measuring the entire flow of water being diverted in connection with this right. If the right holder uses conduit, the straight length of conduit shall be at least fifteen times the diameter of the conduit and shall be above ground or otherwise easily accessible.
- 4. To facilitate determination of the volume of water beneficially used by this project, the right holder shall provide the Department a copy of the characteristic performance curve for the turbine(s) and a copy of the monthly power generation figures during the development period. These items shall be submitted with the required Proof of Beneficial Use statement. Failure to submit these items shall be cause for the Director to reject the Proof of Beneficial Use statement.
- 5. The amount of water diverted under this water right may not exceed 50% of the stream flow of Bear Creek at the point of diversion described below at any given time.
- 6. The rights for the use of water acquired under this right shall be junior and subordinate to all other rights for the use of water, other than hydropower, within the State of Idaho that are initiated later in time than the priority of this right and shall not give rise to any claim against any future rights for the use of water, other than hydropower, within the State of Idaho initiated later in time than the priority of this permit.
- 7. The term of this permit or subsequent water right license 77-14325 shall extend to 12/31/2045. Prior to the expiration of the term, the Director may issue an order canceling all or any part of the use authorized herein, may establish a new term, or may revise, delete, or add conditions under which the water right permit or subsequent water right license may be exercised. The order shall take effect on the date the current term expires. If the Director does not issue such an order, the term shall

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- automatically extend to a length equal to the project's prior term and any prior conditions on the water right permit or subsequent water right license shall remain in effect.
- 8. Prior to the diversion and use of water under this approval, the right holder shall comply with all fish screening and/or fish passage requirements of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.
- 9. The point of diversion and place of use does not include federal land.
- 10. This right does not constitute Idaho Public Utilities Commission or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval that may be required.
- 11. The diversion and use of water described in this right may be subject to additional conditions and limitations agreed to by the protestant and the right holder under a separate agreement to which the Department is not a party. Because the Department is not a party, the Department is not responsible for enforcement of any aspect of the agreement not specifically addressed in other conditions herein. Enforcement of those portions of the agreement not specifically addressed in other conditions shall be the responsibility of the protestant and the water right holder.
- 12. When notified by the Department or by a watermaster with regulatory authority over this right, the right holder shall report the amount of water diverted in connection with this right. The report shall be submitted in the manner and frequency specified by the Department or the watermaster.
- 13. Upon specific notification by the Department, the right holder shall install and maintain acceptable measuring device(s), including data logger(s), at the authorized point(s) of diversion, in accordance with Department specifications.
- 14. Upon specific notification by the Department, the right holder shall install a lockable device of a type acceptable to the Department in a manner that will provide suitable control of the diversion.
- 15. This right is subject to the provisions of Idaho Code §§ 42-205 through 42-210, restricting the sale, transfer, assignment, or mortgage of this right. Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for immediate cancellation of this right.
- 16. Use of water under this right shall be non-consumptive.
- 17. This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.

This permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code § 42-204.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

NICK MILLER

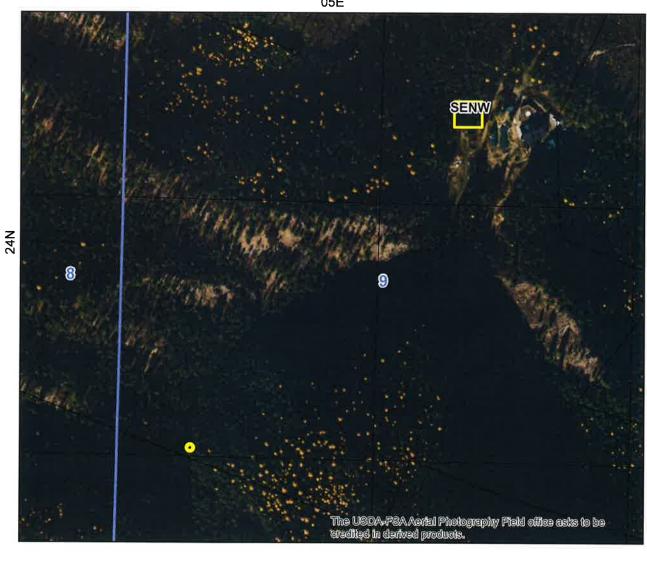
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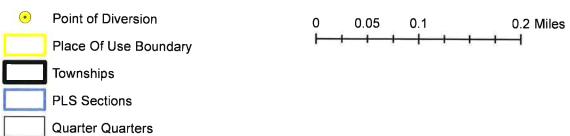
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# Attachment to Permit to Appropriate Water 77-14325

This map depicts the POWER place of use boundary for this water right at the time of this approval and is attached to the approval document solely for illustrative purposes.

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Gary Spackman Director

November 10, 2020

VARIETY EXCURSIONS LLC 11405 PARK RD STE 180 ANCHORAGE KY 40223

RE: Permit No. 77-14325

# **Permit Approval Notice**

# Dear Permit Holder(s):

The Department of Water Resources ("Department") has issued the enclosed permit authorizing you to establish a new water right. Please be sure to thoroughly review all the conditions of approval listed on your permit. The conditions include requirements that you must accomplish, such as timely submittal of proof of beneficial use or installation of a measuring device, as well as information about how your water use may be administered, such as regulation by a watermaster in a water district. Failure to comply with the conditions of approval may result in your permit lapsing or being canceled.

The permit is a PRELIMINARY ORDER issued pursuant to Rule 730 of the Department's Rules of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01.730). It can and will become a final order without further action by the Department unless a party petitions for reconsideration, files exceptions, or requests a hearing as described in the enclosed information sheet.

The final step in the water right process is issuance of a water right license. To receive a water right license, you must divert and use water to the full extent intended and submit a *Statement of Completion for Submitting Proof of Beneficial Use* by the date shown in condition no. 1 of your permit. The Department will send you a *Proof Due Notice* approximately 60 days prior to the date listed in condition no. 1 of your permit.

You may also require approvals from other Department programs, such as Ground Water Protection, Safety of Dams, or Stream Channel Protection, to accomplish your proposed development. Please call or visit any Department office or see the Department's website at idwr.idaho.gov for more information about these programs.

Please be advised that Idaho Code § 42-248, requires you or the owner of this water permit to maintain current ownership and address records on file with the Department. Forms to file an assignment of permit and/or a change in the address of the permit owner are available from any Department office or at the Department's website at www.idwr.idaho.gov.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed information, please contact me at (208) 605-4621.

Sincerely,

(Anna Kaiser)

Nick Miller
Western Regional Manager

Enclosure(s)

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 10, 2020, I served a true and correct copy of Permit to Appropriate Water No. 77-14325 by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

VARIETY EXCURSIONS LLC (Current Owner) 11405 PARK RD STE 180 ANCHORAGE KY 40223

US DEPT OF INTERIOR (Protestant) BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FREDRIC W PRICE IDAHO STATE OFFICE 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE ID 83709-1657

Anna Kaiser

Water Resource Agent

# EXPLANATORY INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY A PRELIMINARY ORDER

(To be used in connection with actions when a hearing was not held)

(Required by Rule of Procedure 730.02)

The accompanying order or approved document is a "Preliminary Order" issued by the department pursuant to section 67-5243, Idaho Code. It can and will become a final order without further action of the Department of Water Resources ("department") unless a party petitions for reconsideration, files an exception and brief, or requests a hearing as further described below:

## PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of a preliminary order with the department within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order. Note: the petition must be <u>received</u> by the department within this fourteen (14) day period. The department will act on a petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See Section 67-5243(3) Idaho Code.

#### **EXCEPTIONS AND BRIEFS**

Within fourteen (14) days after: (a) the service date of a preliminary order, (b) the service date of a denial of a petition for reconsideration from this preliminary order, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration from this preliminary order, any party may in writing support or take exceptions to any part of a preliminary order and may file briefs in support of the party's position on any issue in the proceeding with the Director. Otherwise, this preliminary order will become a final order of the agency.

# **REQUEST FOR HEARING**

Unless a right to a hearing before the Department or the Water Resource Board is otherwise provided by statute, any person aggrieved by any final decision, determination, order or action of the Director of the Department and who has not previously been afforded an opportunity for a hearing on the matter may request a hearing pursuant to section 42-1701A(3), Idaho Code. A written petition contesting the action of the Director and requesting a hearing shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the denial or conditional approval.

## **ORAL ARGUMENT**

If the Director grants a petition to review the preliminary order, the Director shall allow all parties an opportunity to file briefs in support of or taking exceptions to the preliminary order and may schedule oral argument in the matter before issuing a final order. If oral arguments are to be heard, the Director will within a reasonable time period notify each party of the place, date and hour for the argument of the case. Unless the Director orders otherwise, all oral arguments will be heard in Boise, Idaho.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

All exceptions, briefs, requests for oral argument and any other matters filed with the Director in connection with the preliminary order shall be served on all other parties to the proceedings in accordance with IDAPA Rules 37.01.01302 and 37.01.01303 (Rules of Procedure 302 and 303).

### FINAL ORDER

The Director will issue a final order within fifty-six (56) days of receipt of the written briefs, oral argument or response to briefs, whichever is later, unless waived by the parties or for good cause shown. The Director may remand the matter for further evidentiary hearings if further factual development of the record is necessary before issuing a final order. The department will serve a copy of the final order on all parties of record.

Section 67-5246(5), Idaho Code, provides as follows:

Unless a different date is stated in a final order, the order is effective fourteen (14) days after its service date if a party has not filed a petition for reconsideration. If a party has filed a petition for reconsideration with the agency head, the final order becomes effective when:

- (a) The petition for reconsideration is disposed of; or
- (b) The petition is deemed denied because the agency head did not dispose of the petition within twenty-one (21) days.

#### APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER TO DISTRICT COURT

Pursuant to sections 67-5270 and 67-5272, Idaho Code, if this preliminary order becomes final, any party aggrieved by the final order or orders previously issued in this case may appeal the final order and all previously issued orders in this case to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which:

- i. A hearing was held,
- ii. The final agency action was taken,
- iii. The party seeking review of the order resides, or
- iv. The real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.

The appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days of this preliminary order becoming final. See section 67-5273, Idaho Code. The filing of an appeal to district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.