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July 17, 2020

N. Miller, Western Regional Manager
Idaho Department of Water Resources
Western Region
2735 Airport Way
Boise ID 83705

City of Boise
Department of Parks and Recreation
C/O Mr. John Roldan
1104 Royal BLVB
Boise, ID 83706

Re: Protest of Water Appropriation Application-for-Permit No. 63-34926, City of Boise

Dear Mr. Miller and Mr. Roldan:

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) mission is to protect, preserve, perpetuate and manage Idaho's fish and wildlife resources for the public interest (Idaho Code 36-103). Accordingly, IDFG has reviewed Application-for-Permit No. 63-34926 submitted by the City of Boise to appropriate 35 CFS of public waters from the Boise River for the purpose of improving water quality, aesthetics and recreation in Quinn's Pond and the Esther Simplot pond complex. IDFG understand diverted water will be returned to the Boise River approximily1 mile below the point of diversion. IDFG greatly appreciates the efforts to model water temperature of returned water.

IDFG's mission encompasses assessment of potential water appropriation effects on public interest fish and wildlife resources. IDFG is specifically concerned that the requested water diversion project may divert water released from Lucky Peak Reservoir used for streamflow maintenance pursuant to water right 63-3618.

IDFG is filing this protest per Idaho Code §42-203A(4) to assist the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the City of Boise to help develop water right conditions that are protective of the streamflow maintenance water right and ensure there are no 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 Interagency Billing for the \$25.00 fee (PCA 11806; B799) to the attention of Tom Bassista (IDFG Headquarters, P.O. Box 25, Boise ID 83707). For questions or to arrange an informal follow-up discussion, please contact John Cassinelli, Regional Fisheries Manager at 208-465-8465 or Tom Bassista, Technical Assistance Program Coordinator at 208-287-2773.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Compton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brad" and last name "Compton" clearly distinguishable.

Brad Compton
Southwest Regional Supervisor

Cc: Ann Vonde, Deputy Attorney General