#### State of Idaho **Department of Water Resources**

## **Permit to Appropriate Water**

No. 79-14272

Priority:

June 27, 2019

Maximum Diversion Rate: 0.06 CFS

This is to certify that

WHITEBIRD CEMETERY DISTRICT PO BOX 46 WHITE BIRD ID 83554-0046

has applied for a permit to appropriate water from:

Source: SALMON RIVER

Tributary: SNAKE RIVER

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

Beneficial Use

Period of Use

Rate of Diversion

**IRRIGATION** 

03/15 to 10/31

0.06 CFS

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

SALMON RIVER L5 (SW1/4 NE1/4), Sec. 27, Twp 28N, Rge 01E, B.M. IDAHO County

Place of Use: IRRIGATION

	Rng	Sec	NE NE			NW			SW			SE			Totals				
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
28N	01E	22							- 6						1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.0

Total Acres: 3.0

#### **Conditions of Approval**

- 1. Proof of application of water to beneficial use shall be submitted on or before April 01, 2023.
- Subject to all prior water rights.
- 3. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.03 cfs per acre nor more than 4.0 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
- 4. A fish screen of 3/32 inch or smaller mesh shall be installed and maintained at the point of diversion.
- 5. The approach velocity at the point of diversion shall not exceed 0.5 feet per second.
- 6. This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
- 7. Project construction shall commence within one year from the date of permit issuance and shall proceed diligently to completion unless it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Water Resources that delays were due to circumstances over which the permit holder had no control.

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8. The Director retains jurisdiction to require the right holder to provide purchased or leased natural flow or stored water to offset depletion of Lower Snake River flows if needed for salmon migration purposes. The amount of water required to be released into the Snake River or a tributary, if needed for this purpose, will be determined by the Director based upon the reduction in flow caused by the use of water pursuant to this permit.

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

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

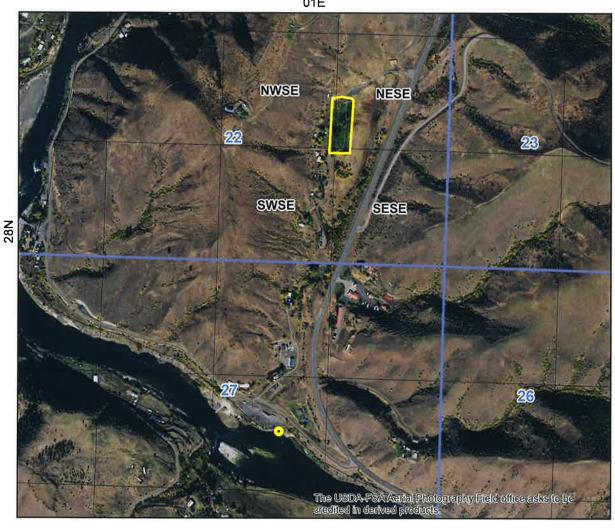
Western Regional Manager

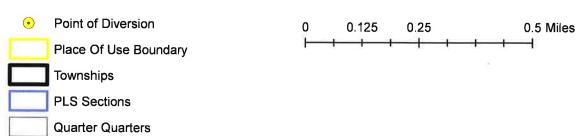
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# **Attachment to Permit to Appropriate Water**

79-14272

This map depicts the IRRIGATION 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.









# State of Idaho DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Western Region • 2735 W AIRPORT WAY • BOISE, ID 83705-5082 Phone: (208)334-2190 • Fax: (208)334-2348 • Website: www.idwr.idaho.gov

> Gary Spackman Director

April 01, 2020

WHITEBIRD CEMETERY DISTRICT PO BOX 46 WHITE BIRD ID 83554-0046

RE: Permit No. 79-14272

#### **Permit Approval Notice**

#### Dear Permit Holders:

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 first commence the excavation or construction of your diverting works within one year of the date the permit was issued, and you must proceed diligently until the project is complete. In addition, 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.

Also, please note that permit holders are required to report any change of ownership and/or mailing address to the Department within 120 days of the change. Failure to report these changes could result in a \$100 late filing fee. Forms to assign ownership or update your address are available from any office of the Department or on the Department's website.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed information, please contact me at (208) 334-2190.

Sincerely,

Kensie Thorneycroff For: Nick Miller

Western Regional Manager

Enclosure(s)

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on April 01, 2020, I served a true and correct copy of Permit to Appropriate Water No. 79-14272 by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

WHITEBIRD CEMETERY DISTRICT PO BOX 46 WHITE BIRD ID 83554-0046

Kensie Thorneycroft

Administrative Assistant 1

# 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.

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Application No. 79-14272

FROM:

Tyler Smith

DATE:

March 11, 2020

RE:

Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted for Salmon-Clearwater Processing -

Basin 79 for Western Region

The application proposes water to be drawn from the Salmon River for irrigation of 3 acres for the Whitebird Cemetery District. The site is just west of US Highway 95 and just south of White Bird proper.

Contact person for the applicant is Donald Sickels, commissioner of the Whitebird Cemetery District.

#### Wild & Scenic River (WSR) Processing

General Information - WSR processing applies to portions of Bs 77 and 78 but not to Bs 79. It is rarely expected in Bs 78 since WSR right 78-11961 covers federal land upstream from the Rapid River Fish Hatchery slightly southwest of Riggins.<sup>1</sup>

Typically WSR issues would be in Bs 77 upstream from Long Tom Bar on the Salmon River, WSR right 77-11941.<sup>2</sup> This also incorporates the entire Middle Fork Salmon River drainage, MSR right 77-13844.<sup>3</sup>

WSR processing is required for any source/diversion upstream from any WSR right. This applies to all sources and uses unless the applicant shows the source is not hydraulically connected to any WSR rights.

<u>Specific Information for this Application</u> - WSR processing is not required because the proposed source/diversion are downstream from any WSR rights.

#### Minimum Streamflow Rights (MSF)

General Information - MSF analysis applies to all surface water upstream<sup>4</sup> from any MSF rights. Basins 77-79 have various MSF rights that might affect applications. By agreement with SO regarding these basins, specific MSF conditions of approval are not necessary provided the reviewer checks MSF issues and documents the file with the results (7/8/09 telephone conference). Downstream MSF right 3-8 on the Snake River<sup>5</sup> is not subordinate to "future dcmi" uses or "future non-dcmi (with cfs limits)" uses. Downstream Salmon River MSF right 79-14119<sup>6</sup> is subordinated to future dcmi uses but not to future non-dcmi uses.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  POD = T23N-R1W-S12.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  POD = T25N-R5E-S31.

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  POD = T23N-R16E-S33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Shallow ground water tributary to surface water might involve MSF issues under conjunctive management thinking. Discuss with your supervisor if this comes up.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> POD = T31N-R5W-S10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> From mouth of river T29N-R4W-S14 upstream thru about Shepp Ranch T24N-R6E-S12.

All Basin 77-79 MSF rights upstream from the ending point of 79-14119 (mouth of Salmon River) include subordination to future demi uses. Most of those upstream MSF rights are also subordinate to various amounts of future non-demi uses. None of the future non-demi cfs rates have been exceeded yet by new approvals. Further MSF analysis is generally not needed until a specific future non-demi cfs rate is exceeded.

Because the review memo extensively covers WSR and MSF issues, SO Planning Bureau comments are not needed yet (prior agreement with SO). Planning will be contacted for comments during the legal notice process as a precaution.

<u>Specific Information for this Application</u> – MSF analysis is required for the proposed source and use upstream from MSF right 79-14119.

This leads to the following MSF conclusions for this application:

• Senior MSF right 79-14119 will not be subordinated to the proposed non-dcmi use.

The attached MSF spreadsheet shows the application meets the criteria for MSF rights in the same basin.

#### Discussion

#### **Local Public Interest:**

Comment letters from the IDFG and IDEQ indicated that this application would not harm the local public interest. Zach Swearingen of the IDFG in his comment letter regarding the application recommended the pump intake hose/foot valve have a maximum screen mesh size of 3/32 inches. This will be reflected by adding the standard X15, X16 condition requiring a fish screen and maximum approach velocity at intake.

#### Conditions of Approval

- R68 This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.03 cfs per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
- X15 A fish screen of 3/32 inch or smaller mesh shall be installed and maintained at the point of diversion.
- X16 The approach velocity at the point of diversion shall not exceed 0.5 feet per second.
- 004 This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
- 26A Project construction shall commence within one year from the date of permit issuance and shall proceed diligently to completion unless it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Water Resources that delays were due to circumstances over which the permit holder had no control
- 121 The Director retains jurisdiction to require the right holder to provide purchased or leased natural flow or stored water to offset depletion of Lower Snake River flows if needed for salmon migration purposes. The amount of water required to be released into the Snake River or a tributary, if needed for this purpose, will be determined by the Director based upon the reduction in flow caused by the use of water pursuant to this permit.

BS 79 MINIMUM STREAMFLOW RIGHTS QUERY 12/31/2015 (no change from 2013)											
Basin		Priority	Source		Subordinate to	Non DCMI CFS Approved Since 4/1/2005					
79	14054	12/31/1975	BERNARD CREEK			•					
79	14055	12/31/1975	BIG CANYON CREEK								
79	14056	12/31/1975	CORRAL CREEK								
79	14057	12/31/1975	DEEP CREEK								
79	14058	12/31/1975	GRANITE CREEK								
79	14059	12/31/1975	JONES CREEK								
79	14060	12/31/1975	KIRBY CREEK	BY CREEK These are federal rights for Hells Canyon Natl. Rec. Area, no							
79	14061	12/31/1975	KIRKWOOD CREEK	conditions for futu	re dcmi or future non-	-dcmi cfs except these					
79	14062	12/31/1975	KLOPTON CREEK		oordinated to junior de						
79	14063	12/31/1975	KURRY CREEK		-	n 42-111. No pending					
79	14064	12/31/1975	OXBOW CREEK	applications in the	ese areas, will deal wi	th future issues when					
79	14065	12/31/1975	SHEEP CREEK	they occur. Other	msf rights listed belo	w are typical state rights					
79	14066	12/31/1975	THREE CREEK	with dcmi etc. fac	tors to evaluate in pro	cessing new					
79	14067	12/31/1975	WEST CREEK	applications.							
79	14123	4/1/2005	LITTLE SLATE CREEK	YES	1	0					
79	14118	4/1/2005	RICE CREEK	YES	0.7	0.2					
79	14117	4/1/2005	ROCK CREEK	YES	1.3	0.15					
79	14119	4/1/2005	SALMON RIVER	YES	NC	N/A					
79	14121	4/1/2005	SKOOKUMCHUCK CREEK	YES	YES 0.4						
79	14122		SLATE CREEK	YES	2						
79	14120	4/1/2005	WHITE BIRD CREEK	YES 1.3 0.1							

IF APPLICATION WITHIN ABOVE ITALICIZED DRAINAGES FOR HELLS CANYON AREA, CONSULT SUPERVISOR.

#### OTHERWISE, DCMI APPL OK, NON-DCMI APPL OK WITHIN ALLOWABLE PARAMETERS. SEE "PROCEDURE" BELOW.

PROCEDURE: DCMI APPL ok for all msf rights in Bs 79 as noted in review memo. NON-DCMI CONSUMPTIVE USE APPL: See if within drainage with msf right. For that msf right, if column G (last) is less than column F (2nd to last), ok to process appl. Note in review memo that senior msf right will be subordinate to junior application under the future non-dcmi clause. Do not need to repeat for msf rights downstream from the msf right you are actively checking since the downstream future non-dcmi rates are higher for those bigger sources. Satisfying the smaller upstream rate test satisfies the larger downstream rate test. For the msf right you are actively checking, if column G (last) is equal to or greater than column F (2nd to last), consult supervisor for next step.

EXAMPLE: Appl 79-98765 for 0.2 cfs irrigation, future non-dcmi consumptive use tributary to Rice Creek. Rice Creek msf right with 4/1/2005 priority is subordinate to 0.7 cfs future non-dcmi use, only 0.2 cfs approved since 4/1/2005. Process appl and note review memo about this. Salmon River msf right will not be subordinate to application (no future non-dcmi clause in that msf right) as noted in review memo. Updates to this spreadsheet will eventually show another 0.2 cfs has been approved for Rice Creek.

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WATER RESOURCES

# **Affidavit of Publication**

STATE OF IDAHO, County of Idaho, ss.

I, STEVE A. WHERRY, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am Publisher of the COTTONWOOD CHRONICLE, a weekly newspaper, published and issued weekly at Cottonwood, Idaho County, State of Idaho, which is of general circulation in said county and state, that the said notice, of which the hereto attached is a true copy, was published in said newspaper for

weeks, being published \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times, the first publication being on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_20, and the last publication on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

the said notice was published in the newspaper proper and not in a supplement; that said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said county during a period of seventy -eight (78) consecutive weeks prior to the first publication of said notice or advertisement.

STATE OF IDAHO, County of Idaho,

day of Morch in the year of 2020

before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Steve & Wherey know or identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

GREGORY A WHERRY
COMMISSION NUMBER 53244
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Idaho
My Commission Expires 09/22/2020

Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at Colorwayd, 20

'My commission expires: \_\_\_

# Notice

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

79-14272 WHITEBIRD CEMETERY DISTRICT

PO BOX 46 WHITE BIRD, ID 83554-0046 Point of Diversion L5(SWNE

Point of Diversion L5(SWNE) S27 T28N R01E IDAHO County Source SALMON RIVER Tributary SNAKE RIVER

Use: IRRIGATION 03/15 to

10/31 0:06 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.06 CFS
Date Filed: 6/3/2019
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION
T28N R01E S22 NESE
NWSE SWSE SESE

Total Acres: 3

The water proposed in this application will benefit from the subordinated provision because it is for irrigation purposes.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please www.idwr.idaho.gov. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 02/24/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director Published in the Cottonwood Chronicle on 2/6/2020 and 2/13/2020 Listalizao

#### Thorneycroft, Kensie

From:

Swearingen, Zachary < zachary.swearingen@idfg.idaho.gov>

Sent:

Monday, February 10, 2020 3:44 PM

To:

Thorneycroft, Kensie

Subject:

RE: Application for Permit No(s). 57-12011, 63-34820, 79-14272

Hi Kensie,

Bill Bosworth forwarded #79-14272 to me for review.

Since the POD for this application is within areas known to have ESA listed fish species, I have a few recommendations that should limit potential effects to salmonid species. For this application I recommend the pump intake hose/foot valve have a maximum screen mesh size of 3/32- inches. I also recommend that approach velocities at the intake should not exceed 0.5 feet per second.

#### Thank you,

Zach Swearingen
Environmental Staff Biologist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game - Clearwater Region
3316 16th St
Lewiston, ID 83501
208-799-5010



From: Bosworth, Bill < bill.bosworth@idfg.idaho.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:46 PM

To: Swearingen, Zachary < zachary.swearingen@idfg.idaho.gov>

Subject: FW: Application for Permit No(s). 57-12011, 63-34820, 79-14272

This one is yours.

Hope you are good, Bill

From: Thorneycroft, Kensie [Kensie.Thorneycroft@idwr.idaho.gov]

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:45 PM

To: Bosworth, Bill

**Subject:** Application for Permit No(s). 57-12011, 63-34820, 79-14272

January 30, 2020

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPT OF FISH & GAME
ATTN: BILL BOSWORTH
3101 S POWERLINE RD
NAMPA, ID 83686

RE: Application for Permit No(s). 57-12011, 63-34820, 79-14272

Dear Mr. Bosworth:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) requests written comment and/or recommendation from your agency regarding the above referenced water right applications. A copy of each application is enclosed with this email for your reference. Please review each application, complete the enclosed recommendation form, and submit your reply, if any, to this office by the protest deadline of **February 24, 2020.** 

If your agency desires to formally protest approval of these applications, you can file a written protest along with a \$25.00 filing fee for each protested application by the protest deadline.

if you do not respond before the protest deadline, IDWR will assume your agency does not object to the application(s). Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the applications. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Kensie Thorneycroft Administrative Assistant 1 Idaho Dept. of Water Resources 208-334-2190



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Governor Brad Little Director John H. Tippets

February 4, 2020

Nick Miller Idaho Department of Water Resources 2735 Airport Way Boise, ID 83705

Subject: Water Right Application #79-14272

Dear Mr. Miller:

DEQ has received a request for comment on the approval of a water right application to withdraw 0.6 cubic feet per second from the Salmon River. The applicant is the City of White Bird Cemetery District. The water will be pumped to the cemetery and stored in storage tanks and used for irrigation. The source is located at Township 28N, Range 01E, and Section 12 near White Bird, Idaho. The time period requested for the withdrawal is March 1 through November 15. Assuming all federal, state, and local permits have been obtained, regulations met, and reviews completed, we offer the following comments.

The water source is in assessment unit ID17060209SL008\_07. This assessment unit is designated for cold water aquatic life, contact recreation, and domestic water supply beneficial uses. This assessment unit is in Category 5 of Idaho's 2016 Integrated Report as not supporting the beneficial uses of cold water aquatic life and contact recreation due to mercury levels in fish flesh. However, DEQ agrees that the flow in this portion of the Salmon River is adequate to support the withdrawal of 0.6 cubic feet per second for storage and irrigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your application. If you have any questions regarding the Idaho Water Quality Standards or the conditions listed above please contact me at (208) 983-0808, or by email at <a href="mailto:daniel.stewart@deq.idaho.gov">daniel.stewart@deq.idaho.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Stewart

Water Quality Analyst

c: White Bird Cemetery District, White Bird, ID Sujata Connell, DEQ