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Idaho Department of Water Resources
7600 North Mineral Drive, Suite 100
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

Subject: Application for Water Appropriation, Konen Farms, IDWR permit number 85-15-786

We received IDWR's information requesting our comments on the approval of your application for a water right utilizing 0.06 CFS for irrigation from February 15th to November 30th for the irrigation of 2 acres. The withdrawal point is identified as township 35N, Range 05W, Section 26. Assuming all federal, state, and local permits have been obtained, regulations met, and reviews completed, we can offer the following comments.

The withdrawal point is not within a defined drainage as identified on the Idaho DEQ stream mapping system. This undefined drainage connects with an unnamed, intermittent tributary to Tammany Creek. Tammany Creek is assessment unit 17060103SL015_02. Beneficial uses for this assessment unit include cold water aquatic life and secondary contact recreation. This assessment unit is listed in Category 4a of the Idaho 2014 Integrated Report as not supporting beneficial uses due to nutrients and bacteria.

Idaho Water Quality Standards require existing aquatic life be protected and maintained when flows are equal to or greater than one cubic foot per second in intermittent streams. At no time should the proposed action be allowed to impair existing beneficial uses when stream flow is adequate to sustain existing aquatic life.

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 call me at (208) 983-0808.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel D. Stewart".

Daniel D. Stewart
Water Quality Analyst

c: Robert Konen, Lewiston, ID
Sujata Connell, DEQ
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