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State of Idaho Department of Water Resources
ATTN: Jean Hersley, Technical Records Specialist II
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RE: Application for Transfer of Water Rights-Transfer No. 80592 (Water Right Nos. 74-192, 74-2158 & 74-468) and Transfer No. 80644 (Water Right Nos. 74-16041 & 74-2158) Brent Mulkey - Pratt Creek, tributary to Lemhi River

Dear Jean:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Department) has reviewed the above referenced Applications for Transfer of Water Rights by Brent W Mulkey (Applicant). The Applicant seeks to exchange and/or change existing water rights (including point of diversion and place of use) from Pratt Creek, tributary to the Lemhi River, to provide more efficiency in managing his water supply for irrigation purposes. We are very familiar with water use and aquatic habitat conditions of Pratt Creek and spend considerable time and financial resources with many collaborative partners monitoring and improving anadromous and resident fish populations in the Upper Salmon River basin.

Both these Transfers are in conjunction with an ongoing conservation project named the Lower Pratt Access Improvement Project, which the Department is currently working on with the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed. The project goal is to reduce the overall water quantity required for irrigation. The Department is committing technical assistance to install a new pump screen at the new point of diversion after the above mentioned water right transfer are approved.

Based on the nature of these Transfers and parties involved in this conservation project, the Department has no additional comments pertaining to these applications. If you have any questions, please contact the Region's Environmental Staff Biologist, Jeff Richards at (208) 756-2271.

Sincerely,

Tom Curet
Regional Supervisor

cc: Walt Poole (IDFG-Directors Office)
Mr. Brent W Mulkey (Applicant)

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