

Director
Dept. of Water Resources
Northern Region
7600 Mineral Drive, Suite 100
Coeur D' Alene, Idaho 83815
July 14, 2015

Re: Application # 96-9568
Larry and Gail Treiber
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We would like to comment on the above application # 96-9568. We are also residents of East Hope and own property that this stream flows thru. Our concern is that the application allows for .03 CFS which is equal to 13.46 gallons per minute or the equivalent of 807 gallons per hour to be withdrawn from this small spring which originates out of the hill side. Our neighbors and ourselves have already seen a major reduction in the water that is flowing thru our adjoining properties downstream of the applicant. There is at this time a water system in place at the applicant's property to divert water from the stream and water the applicant's lawn.

We are not entirely opposed to withdrawing water from this spring but we feel that the amount applied for, which I understand to be a standard formula, would result in de-watering this natural spring and creek. The CFS that has been given to withdraw water from this Hope area creek, according to the standard formula, is approximately the same as for application permit # 96-9667 for withdrawing water from the Pend O' Reille River in the Laclede area of the river between Sandpoint and Priest River, Idaho. The creek in question not only enters a wetland shortly from its source it also enters another wetland area downstream before it enters Lake Pend O' Reille. Although the State of Idaho does not put a lot of emphasis on the importance of smaller wetland areas, they do take into account the importance of streams. According to Idaho Statutes, minimum stream flows are declared to be of beneficial use. The legislature of the state of Idaho has declared that the public health, safety and welfare require that the streams of this state and their environments be protected against loss of water supply to wildlife habitat, aquatic life, recreation, aesthetic beauty, and other uses. The preservation of the water of the streams of this state for such purposes is necessary and desirable for all the inhabitants of the state, is in the public interest and is declared to be a beneficial use of such water.

I feel the Idaho Legislature made many good points about the public's right to have minimum stream flows that benefit many of the areas described above. Such a stream as this stream is a jewel and public keepsake that should be protected. There are not many suburban areas that have such a natural feature as this spring/creek. It is a joy to watch and hear it flowing year around. There is already an existing municipal water system available to all residents of East Hope that allows them to water their lawns. A small amount of water could be diverted from this stream but the greater good of the public in terms of aesthetic beauty and wildlife should be given equal if not greater importance. Thank you for taking these comments into account in making your decision.

Sincerely,

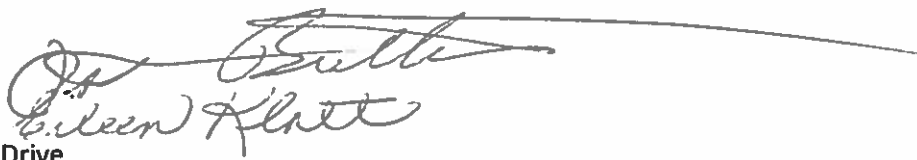
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