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Subject: Application for Permit to Appropriate the Public Waters of the State, Ident. No. 85-15767 and 85-15768

Dear Mr. Franklin:

DEQ has received a request for comment on the approval of two applications, Ident. No. 85-15767 and 85-15768, to construct a well and draw a total quantity of 0.84 cfs (0.40 and 0.44 respectively) of ground water for irrigation, domestic, and stock water use from January 1 to December 31. Based on the information that has been provided, DEQ cannot estimate nor predict impairments to surface or ground water beneficial uses resulting from the requested withdrawal. However, assuming all federal, state, and local permits have been obtained, regulations met, and reviews completed, we can offer the following comment.

This activity will comply with all aspects of the Well Construction Standards Rules, IDAPA 37, Title 03, Chapter 09. In addition, all work will be completed following the guidelines, best management practices, rules and regulations found in "Idaho Well-Driller's Regulatory Compliance Guidebook", Marc McGregor, UI, distributed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

It is the policy of the State of Idaho, Ground Water Management Plan that existing and projected beneficial uses of ground water and interconnected surface water be maintained and protected and degradation that would impair beneficial uses of ground water and interconnected surface water not be allowed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. If you have any questions regarding the Idaho Water Quality Standards, please call the Lewiston Regional Office at (208) 799-4370.

Sincerely,

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