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Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

December 22nd, 2013

Re: Salmon Carmen Creek -03 (SCC-03) Point-of-Diversion Transfer

Dear Water Resource Agent:

This letter is in regards to the application for a water right point-of-diversion change included within this packet. We as the primary landowners William G. Slavin and Derrold Slavin have been working to improve irrigation efficiencies on our properties which in turn will benefit ESA-listed anadromous fish within the Carmen Creek Drainage. In order to accomplish our goals we have solicited technical services from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Project (USBWP).

In order to accomplish these irrigation, habitat and passage improvements for ESA-listed species we are requesting to move our point-of-diversion from the SCC-03 diversion to the McNutt Ditch (S-5/6/7) diversion downstream. Should this transfer be approved, flows in Carmen Creek will be measured at SCC-03 diversion and the existing stream gage, Idaho Power Stream gage #13305650 (Carmen Ck below Diversion at Carmen, ID) to ensure accurate deliverance of water. On average, the watermaster begins regulating Carmen Creek back to the 1882 priority date around July 15. At this point, the combined 1882 and 1875 water rights for the Slavins is 1.2 cfs. For further information, please refer to the attached memorandum from Nick Miller to Morgan Case dated September 9, 2013 which contains detailed notes and recommendations for this project.

We therefore request that the project scope be taken into consideration when reviewing our applications. Both the NRCS and USBWP have assisted in securing financial assistance to ensure project completing, contingent on these applications. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


William Slavin


Derrold Slavin

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Daniel Bertram; Project Coordinator, USBWP
Mark Olson; District Conservationist, NRCS