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Department of Water Resources
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Mr. Allen Merritt
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources
1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380

Re: Application for Water Right No. 37-08916 – Big Wood River (Walker Monroe)

Dear Allen,

On July 20, 2001, Chuck Warren, our Environmental Staff Biologist, met with Chuck Brockway Jr. regarding the above-referenced water right application to divert water into a pond from the Big Wood River. This application is for a non-consumptive aesthetic use of water. Idaho Department of Fish and Game does not consider splitting flows in the main channel during periods of low flow in the public interest due to potential impacts on fish and wildlife or their associated habitats.

The meeting between Chuck Warren and Chuck Brockway did not result in an agreement to withdraw our protest. At this juncture, we believe this matter should be discussed collectively by all protesting parties and the applicant in a prehearing conference. We request that you proceed with scheduling this conference.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact Chuck Warren or myself at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Parrish
Magic Valley Regional Supervisor

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