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Application to Permit No. 95-10877

Dear Protestant(s):

The Department of Water Resources acknowledges receipt of your protest against the approval of the above referenced application. A copy of your protest has been sent to the applicant. The Department suggests that you contact the applicant directly for details regarding the application and, if possible, to resolve the matter without action by the Department. In our experience, informal discussion between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings often leads to resolution of the protest.

If the protest cannot be resolved informally, the matter will be scheduled for conference and/or hearing. The following are criteria the Department must consider in either approving or denying the application (Section 42-203A, Idaho Code).

1. Will the proposed use reduce the quantity of water under existing water rights?
2. Is the proposed water supply insufficient for the purpose intended?
3. Is the application made in good faith or for delay or speculative purposes?
4. Has the applicant sufficient financial resources with which to complete the project?
5. Will the proposed use conflict with the local public interest in the public water resource?
6. Will the proposed use be contrary to the conservation of water resources within the State of Idaho?
7. For applications proposing to divert water from one watershed or local area into another, will the proposed use adversely affect the local economy of the watershed or local area where the source of water originates?

You will be notified at a later date of the time and place of the conference and/or hearing. Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding this procedure.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Haynes, P.E.
Regional Manager

cc: Sylte Ranch LLC, 8626 W Sylte Ranch Rd. Rathdrum ID 83858-6820