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James,

Attached is a response letter that may strengthen my claim for a water right up the Pahsimeroi Valley.

Any questions please give me a call or e-mail.

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Water right application 73-12203

Response letter 6/25/2012

Upon receiving the IDWR letter in response to my water application 73-12203 I thought I would follow up with a few points that might help my claim for the water right.

In talking to Tom Bassista, Idaho Fish and Game staff biologist, he said that the spring that I was applying for was most likely waste water that was from the water user above me and my property. He said because it was most likely waste water and not a spring that he and the department did not have a problem with the water right.

Also if granted the water right, I would be storing this "waste water" and it would benefit ESA listed species because there would be more water available year round that would make it to the Pahsimeroi River and help with minimal flows and the flushing of smolts. In the past this water was not collected and the spring flowed into the pasture never making it to the river. My plan is to collect the water, use some for irrigation and let the overflow flow down to the river. Not only would the collection of the water help ESA listed species but the pond would also benefit other flora and fauna in the valley.

Thank you,

Kevin Yelton

Applicant 73-12203