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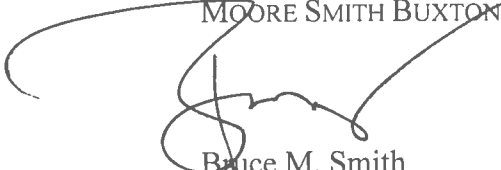
RE: Applications 72-7579 & 72-7580 to Appropriate Water in the Upper Salmon
River Basin

Dear Mr. Skinner:

This is a response to your letter of May 15, 2012, raising the local public interest issue with regard to the above noted applications. As you may be aware, these applications were filed by a lessee on Ms. Von Morganroth's property. After years of litigation, Ms. Von Morganroth was able to resolve the litigation. As part of that resolution, the lessee assigned the applications to Ms. Von Morganroth for processing. Accordingly, Ms. Von Morganroth may not be aware of all communications that may have been made between the lessee and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Notwithstanding this situation, Ms. Von Morganroth does not believe these applications have any bearing, positive or negative, on species listed under the ESA in that the application does not involve any habitat for ESA listed species.

Sincerely,

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