

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 10, 2009
To: Water Right File 74-15807
From: Shelley Keen
Re: Conversation with the Applicant Regarding Delay in Processing

Yesterday I spoke with Robert Jones on the phone about Application 74-15807, which he filed to add 10 mobile homes to the 10 already served by Right 74-1013. I explained that IDWR is not processing applications for new water rights in the Lemhi Basin because of the concern that it might undermine the ongoing habitat restoration efforts using BPA, NOAA, and USFWS money granted to the Office of Species Conservation. Mr. Jones explained that the 10 lots already have water service connections, and many have already been in use. Mr. Jones is not sure if all 20 lots have been occupied at once in the past. I told Mr. Jones that if he could provide power records showing historical occupancy exceeding 10 lots and limit the additional lots to in-house use, IDWR might process his application. Mr. Jones said he would work on providing the additional information.