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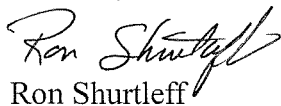
Dear Ms. Padilla,

In regard to the request to remove the requirements for a measuring devise and lockable control works from water right permits 65-22903 and 65-22904, I have the following opinion.

I am apposed to the removal of the requirements for these reasons. The water rights will be under control of the watermaster and included in the water accounting system of the Payette River. The two water rights because of their junior status will be subject to rental pool fees if full season usage is desired by the owners of these rights. A measurement device is necessary to properly determine diversion rates and volumes.

New technology has made available many options to fulfill the requirement for measuring and monitoring diversions. I would rather invite the right holders to contact me and decide how to best accomplish the requirements for a measuring devise and lockable control. I believe the investment in time and resources will be returned over the years by achieving accurate diversion data especially since these rights will most certainly incur rental pool fees.

Sincerely,


Ron Shurtleff