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Lyle Swank
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

Re: Water Right Application Nos. 75-14644 and 75-14645 (Hailey)

Dear Lyle,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the above two applications from David and Christine Hailey for water withdrawals from McKim Creek near Salmon, Idaho. The applicant proposes pumping approximately 0.02cfs for each water right from the creek to irrigate gardens as part of domestic use on each of two adjacent parcels. The Department believes that approval of this application will not negatively impact fish or aquatic resources and is not opposed to issuance of the permit. However, we recommend that these water rights be combined into one with a single point of diversion. We also request that if the application is approved, the applicant contact the Idaho Anadromous Fish Screen Program (756-6022) so that the pump intake can be properly screened to prevent entrainment of juvenile fish.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

James R. Lukens
Regional Supervisor

cc: Walt Poole
Dane Cook
Bob Foster
David and Christine Hailey