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178 Pratt Creek Rd
Salmon ID 83467

RE: Application for Permit 74-15946 and 74-15949

Dear Applicant:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has received your application to appropriate water in the Salmon or Clearwater River basin. Before IDWR can begin processing your application, we need some additional information.

To ensure that IDWR has sufficient information to evaluate applications, Rule 40.05 of the Water Appropriation Rules (IDAPA 37.03.08.040.05) requires water right applicants to submit additional information to IDWR in connection with their applications.

Idaho Code 42-203A(5) requires IDWR to evaluate a number of criteria for such applications, including the local public interest in the public water resource. Because the waters of the Salmon and Clearwater River drainages are habitat for fish species listed as endangered or threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, caution is necessary to ensure new appropriations of water do not undermine efforts to protect and restore the ESA-listed fish species and other public values in the basins' rivers and streams.

All applicants for water in the Salmon and Clearwater River basins are required to request comment on their applications from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ). We have provided a list of IDFG and IDEQ staff on the next page. Please contact the applicable staff members for those agencies and ask them to submit comment to IDWR.

This information should be submitted to IDWR within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Please contact these agency representatives no less than 15 days prior to the end of your 30-day response period. IDWR will hold your application until these comment letters from IDFG and IDEQ are received.

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IDFG contact list for water right applications:

Panhandle region: Mary Terra-Berns at (208) 769-1414
Clearwater Region: Ray Hennekey at (208) 799-5010
McCall Subregion: Dale Allen at (208) 634-8137
Southwest Region: Rick Ward at (208) 465-8465
Salmon Region: Tom Curet at (208) 756-2271

IDEQ contact list for water right applications:

Lewiston (Clearwater or lower Salmon River basins): Cindy Barrett at (208) 799-4370

Cascade (South Fork Salmon River basin): Leslie Freeman at (208) 634-4900

Idaho Falls (Upper Salmon, Lemhi, Pahsimeroi basins): Troy Saffle at (208) 528-2650

Sincerely,

Sharla Cox

Administrative Assistant

Enclosure – Copy of Application

Copy of Water Appropriation Rule 40.05