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RE: Application for Permit No. 72-16837

Dear Applicants:

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). Please contact **Tom Curet in the Salmon office of the Idaho Dept of Fish & Game at 208-756-2271** and **Troy Saffle in the Idaho Falls office of the Idaho Dept of Environmental Quality at 208-528-2650** to obtain their written recommendations.

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.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Baldwin
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