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ATTN JOHN BLACKMAN
BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DIST # 61
118 W BULLION ST
HAILEY ID 83333

RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT NO. 37-22545

Dear Mr. Blackman:

Further review of your Application for Permit which proposes diversion of 5.0 cfs or more reveals that additional information is required to be made part of the application file pursuant to Idaho Code provisions and the department's Rules and Regulations for Water Appropriation. The attached sheets give details regarding the information which is requested.

As you are aware, the application is currently being advertised and the protest period will end on September 7, 2010.

If an application is un-protested, final processing may occur at the Regional level or the file may be forwarded to our State Office for that action. You will be notified of the outcome of this review and if a permit is issued, you will be sent a copy. A typical processing time for an un-protested application is about eight weeks.

If an application is protested, those issues must be resolved before final action on the application can occur. This office will provide copies of any protests received.

Failure to supply the requested information within 30 days from the date of this letter could result in a regional recommendation that the application be declared void, null, and of no further consideration by the Department.

If you have any questions or if this office can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Baldwin
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

GUIDELINE FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This outline is intended to assist you with providing the additional information required under Rule 40 of the Department of Water Resources and Idaho Code, Section 42-203A(5)(a) which may help answer questions as to the type of information you should submit. The outline below follows the same order as the attached rules. Please take the time to review the outline. Much of the information requested under Rule 40 may already be available to you. Gathering the necessary information may be of benefit to you in planning the proposed development.

Rule 040.05.c and Idaho Code, Section 42-203A(5)(a) Information relative to effects on existing rights:

i. If diverting from a surface water source with 5 or fewer existing users, submit the water right numbers held by those users if available.

If not available, submit the names and addresses of those users and describe the location of their diversions and types of use associated with those diversions.

ii. If you are diverting from a groundwater source, submit a map locating your proposed well and all other wells within a 1/2 mile radius of your well. It would be helpful to describe the use from those wells (i.e.; domestic, irrigation etc.). You are not required to submit a map if there are no wells within the 1/2 mile radius, but you should indicate if there are no existing wells within that radius, if that indeed is the case.

iii. This rule seeks general information about the type of irrigation system you intend to install and how the project may affect other users. If you feel your proposed project will not affect other users, then explain why. You may describe any techniques or equipment you intend to employ which may reduce impacts on other water rights or promote water conservation.

Rule 040.05.d and Idaho Code, Section 42-203A(5)(b) Information relative to sufficiency of water supply:

i. Provide projections for your peak and average water demands. While your well or diversion may not yet be completed, you should be able to estimate project demand based on size of project (or number of acres irrigated), type or texture of local soils, type of crops grown, and type of irrigation system used. Demand projections should be given in terms of flow rate (cfs or gpm) and annual volume diverted (acre-feet).

Example: A 40 acre tract with 6 handlines and 20 heads/line discharging 3 gpm/head would produce a total flow rate of about 360 gpm or 0.8 cfs (1 in/acre). This flow rate multiplied by average number of hours per set, sets per irrigation and irrigations per year provides number of acre-feet per year or annual volume.

ii. You should be able to provide some basic information about the nature of the water supply. If the diversion is from a surface water source for example, you should provide stream flow data or estimate the amount of stream flow available for diversion and describe generally the seasonal availability of water. If you are diverting from a groundwater source, you should be able to generally describe the aquifer which you plan to divert from, i.e.; deep confined or shallow unconfined aquifer, depth to water level or depth to aquifer, known yields from wells within the same aquifer etc.

Rule 040.05.e and Idaho Code, Section 42-203A(5)(c) Information relative to good faith, delay, or speculative purposes of the applicant:

i. If you do not own the land to be irrigated and/or where the point of diversion is located, you must submit copies of lease agreements, easements or rights-of-way etc. If you are the owner of the place of use and point of diversion, documentation of ownership is not required.

ii. If applicable, submit copies of applications for permits or approvals which are needed from other government agencies or individuals in order to complete the water development project.

Rule 040.05.f and Idaho Code, Section 43-203A(5)(d) Information relative to financial resources:

i and ii. Submit a current financial statement or other statement describing how you will finance the project. You must also submit plans and specifications along with basic estimates of construction and equipment costs of the proposed project.

Rule 040.05.g and Idaho Code, Section 42-203A(5)(e) Information relative to conflict with the local public interest:

i. You, as the applicant, bear the initial burden of coming forward with evidence as to whether your proposed project may have any affect concerning local public interest. If you have any reason to believe that the proposed project under your application may be of concern to any local individuals, governments, tribal reservations, irrigation districts, the State Fish and Game Department, or Health and Welfare Department, then you are responsible for seeking comments from those individuals or groups. This requirement is mandatory for projects located within irrigation districts, canal companies or tribal reservations (failure to obtain comments from the irrigation district, canal company or reservation will delay approval of the application.). All comments must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources.