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MR. JAMES CEFALO,
I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO PETITION YOU TO
RE-CONSIDER YOUR RULING IN THE MATTER OF
WATER RIGHT TRANSFER #75471 REGARDING GROUSE
CREEK DEVELOPMENT.

MR. CEFALO, IN MY OPINION YOU MADE A
BAD CALL! TESTIMONY GIVEN BY WITNESSES/EMPLOYEE
OF CARIBOU LANDS WAS NOT TRUE, (NUMBER OF TREES,
BUSHES PLANTED ALONG GROUSE CREEK) I BELIEVE TERRY
HOLLIBETZ STATED UNDER OATH THAT 5,000 TO 6,000 NATIVE
BUSHES AND TREES HAD BEEN PLANTED, WHEN IN FACT
ONLY A MAXIMUM OF ~~NINE~~ 20 HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN PLANTED
AND MOST ARE DEAD AT THIS TIME.

I DO NOT HAVE A DEGREE IN HYDROLOGY OR
FISH SCIENCES, BUT I DO HAVE 50 YEARS OF KNOWLEDGE
ON WHAT THE VOLUME OF WATER THAT FLOWS IN GROUSE
CREEK IS, AND THE EVER CHANGING PLANS OF CARIBOU
LANDS ON THIS GROUSE CREEK PROJECT WILL NEVER SEE
A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION BECAUSE THOSE FLOW RATES
ARE NOT NEAR THE AMOUNT OF WATER NEEDED FOR
THE GROUSE CREEK DEVELOPMENT ACCORDING ^{TO} THE PRESENT
SET OF PLANS ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.

MR. CEFALO, ARE YOU AWARE THAT AN UNKNOWN
NUMBER OF NATIVE CUT THROAT TROUT WERE STRANDED
IN THE VACATED ORIGINAL CHANNEL? I'M SURE THE
SKUNKS & RACCOONS OF THE AREA ENJOYED THE FISH
FEAST PROVIDED BY YOUR RULING.

IT IS BEYOND ME, HOW CAN THIS BE CALLED STREAM RESTORATION WHEN IN FACT IT AMOUNTS TO STREAM DESTRUCTION AND A RUINATION OF A HEALTHY FISH HABITAT THAT EXISTED BEFORE THIS PROJECT WAS STARTED. I AM SURE THAT OTHER IDAHO FISHERMEN AND SPORTSMEN WOULD AGREE WITH ME, IF THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE WHAT GROUSE CREEK LOOKS LIKE RIGHT NOW, COMPARED TO WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE BEFORE GROUSE CREEK RANCH DEVELOPMENT STARTED.

THE IDEA THAT THE ONLY WAY WATER CAN BE KEPT FLOWING IN NEW CREEK CHANNELS IS BY USING A LINER IS A JOKE. THIS NEITHER IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND, NOR IS IT FISH FRIENDLY. THE PROOF WILL BE THIS NEXT SPRING WHEN HIGH WATER BOILS DOWN GROUSE CREEK AND I'M PRETTY SURE WILL PEEL THE LINER OFF THE BOTTOM OF THE CHANNEL AND TRANSPORT IT WHO KNOWS HOW FAR.

MR. CEFALO, AGAIN I ASK THAT YOU RE-CONSIDER YOUR RULING. A BAD CALL IS RESERVED FOR UMPIRES & REFEREE'S OF SPORTING EVENTS WHERE THE IMPACT WILL NOT HAVE A LASTING EFFECT THAT THIS BAD CALL WILL IN REGARD TO A ONCE PRISTINE STREAM, AND THE PLIGHT OF A NEAR EXTINCT SPECIES OF CUT THROAT TROUT.

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