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The Idaho Water Center
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Attention: Shelley Keen,

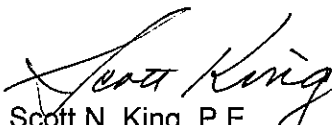
Subject: Beneficial Use Field Exam for 72-7573, Thompson Creek Mining Company

Dear Mr. Keen,

On June 5, 2007, I conducted a Beneficial Use Field Exam for permit number 72-7573, owned by Thompson Creek Mining Company. My report listed industrial use at 11N 16E Sec 1 SWSE. Specifically, the use at this location is storage of industrial water. I have since learned from Bert Doughty, Environmental Manager at the mine, that this tank's storage capacity is approximately 500,000 gallons. This volume is much less than the 24-hour volume of 969,000 gallons for the 1.5 cfs flow rate authorized by and developed under permit number 72-7573. The volume is also less than the 24-hour volume for the first water right developed from this source (72-7414). Due to IDWR's "24-hour storage" guideline, I therefore understand that this storage should not be included as an industrial use in my report and should be removed.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,


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Senior Project Engineer

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