

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 6, 2007
To: Application for Permit 72-7259 (Dana Hurless) File
From: Douglas Jones
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application for Permit 72-7259, filed in the name of Dana Hurless, seeks to appropriate 0.04 cfs of water from the Salmon River for the irrigation of 2 acres.

- **Effect on Other Water Rights:**
If application is approved, and a permit is granted, it will be a very junior right on the Salmon River. Water would be diverted under this permit (if approved) only if all the existing rights on Salmon River are satisfied.
- **Sufficiency of Water Supply:**
Salom River has adequate flow to supply water for this small appropriation (0.04 cfs). Note that the comment letter from the Idaho Department of Fish & Game indicates *"the diversion of 0.04 cfs will not negatively impact fish or aquatic resources, and are not opposed..."*.
- **Application Made in Good Faith:**
Deed and Deed of Reconveyance were provided. No other permits or approvals are necessary.
- **Financial Resources:**
The application is for a system anticipated to cost less than \$5000. However, the applicants have provided a copy of a recent W-2 form indicating the level of income of Lisa Hurless.
- **Local Public Interest:**
The applicants have solicited comments from interested agencies, and comments have been received from the Idaho Department of Fish & Game and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, with no negative comments or concerns raised. Note that the Idaho Department of Fish & Game requested the applicant address the potential need for, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality alluded to, fish screen(s). If the application is approved, IDWR condition 029 (*"Prior to the diversion and use of water under this approval, the right holder shall comply with all fish screening and/or fish passage requirements of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game"*) will be implemented as a condition of approval.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is a beneficial use of water and the applicant has indicated that they will utilize a sprinkler irrigation system.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-203A Idaho Code or the Water Appropriation Rules (IDAPA 37.03.08) preventing processing of this application.