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Mr. Steve Lester
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RE: Application for Permit No. 77-14234

Dear Sir:

We just received your letter of December 2, 2009, unfortunately, it was forwarded to Texas and then back to Idaho. Yes, we are still interested in proceeding with this application.

Yes, we did receive a letter from Lori Graves dated March 29, 2007. The third paragraph of the attachment states "The additional information requirement is usually waived for applications proposing the appropriation of 5.0 cfs or less or the storage of 500 af or less." Our application is for less than 1.0 cfs provided by a two inch pipe under gravity flow into a very small pond for fire protection and irrigation sprinklers.

As requested, I sent a FAX to IDFG (Dale Allen) on 4/11/07 with our original application, an elevation map, an area map, and two pages of answers to the WATER APPROPRIATION RULES 40.05C-05G; and I talked with IDEQ (Leslie Freedman) who said "no problem, she would call Lori Graves".

I am sorry, but I did not understand that I needed to correspond back with your office.

Back to your letter of 12/2/09.

1. Water Availability, Rule 40 Item Dii

We have now lived here since November of 2005 and better understand the needs for and possible uses of surface water. There are three small streams on or adjacent to our property, Umpqua Creek and two other unnamed streams. Umpqua Creek is the only one that is utilized by anyone else. The Millers have a 2" gravity flow pipe that feeds their use for the water from Umpqua Creek. After they remove their water, there is always a significant amount of water flowing into Johnson Creek. Any water that we would remove from Umpqua Creek would be

taken out below the diversion point utilized by the Millers and will not consume all of the available water.

2. Impact on Other Water Rights, Rule 40 item ciii

As noted above, I believe there is adequate volume in Umpqua Creek for both our uses. The other two small creeks could be used to supplement our needs if necessary.

3. Financial Resources, Rule 40 item f

This is a very small project. We will be installing a homemade diversion dam in the stream (1 foot high and 2 or 3 feet wide), about 500 feet of 2" flex pipe (to transfer the water into an existing small pond) costing about \$75.00 per 100 ft, and about 200 feet of buried 1" pvc for the sprinklers costing about \$100.00 dollars.

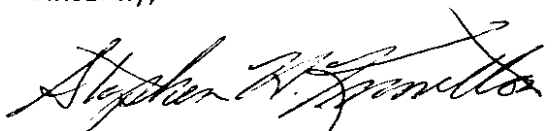
The water will be pumped out of the pond to the sprinklers and can be used for fire protection (as you know is a serious problem in this part of the world). We already have the high pressure pump.

In summary, we are confident that the entire project can be completed for less than \$1,000.00.

We really appreciate the efforts you are putting into this application, we actually thought the application had already been completed since we had not heard back. Our mistake, we should have contacted you, but you know how life gets busy!!!

Please let me know if there is anything else we can provide.

Sincerely,



Stephen Knowlton and Patricia Knowlton

