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June 24, 2009

Lyle Swank
Idaho Department of Water Resources
900 N. Skyline Dr., Suite A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

Re: Water Right Application No. 775-14607 (Engle)

Dear Lyle,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the application from Joe and Sandie Engle for 0.04 cfs of surface water from Jessie Creek/Pollard Creek on their property near State Street in Salmon to irrigate 1.9 acres. Jessie and Pollard creeks are flow limited and support threatened fish species. Steelhead, bull trout and cutthroat trout are known to migrate, spawn and rear in Jessie Creek. However, a priority date of 2009, if enforced, should provide adequate protection. We ask that the applicants contact the Anadromous Fish Screen Program (756-6022) so that the pump intake can be properly screened to prevent entrainment of juvenile fish.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Lukens".

James R. Lukens
Regional Supervisor

cc: Walt Poole
Dane Cook
Bob Foster
Joe and Sandie Engle