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March 18, 2009

Larry J. Allen
8 Mount Idaho Cemetery Road
Grangeville, ID 83530

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RE: Comments, Water Right Application

Dear Mr. Allen,

We received your letter requesting our comments on the approval of your application for a permit to appropriate an annual volume of 16.0 acre-feet for wildlife and fire protection storage in an existing pond. Based on the location description provided in your application (NE1/4SE1/4NE1/4, Section 12, Township 28N, Range 03E), the location of the point of diversion is Teepee Creek, a tributary to South Fork Whitebird Creek located in Idaho County. Assuming all federal, state and local permits have been obtained, regulations met, and reviews completed, we offer the following comments.

In the Idaho Water Quality Standards, the Teepee Creek water body identification number is 17060209SL053. Teepee Creek and associated tributaries are currently listed in Section 3 of the Idaho 2008 Integrated Report and are not assessed.

Idaho Water Quality Standards require existing aquatic life be protected and maintained when flows are equal to or greater than one cubic foot per second in intermittent streams. At no time should the proposed action be allowed to impair existing beneficial uses when stream flow is adequate to sustain existing aquatic life.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your application. If you have any questions regarding the Idaho Water Quality Standards or the conditions listed above, please call us at (208) 799-4370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerby M. Cole". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kerby M. Cole, P.E.
Regional Administrator

CC: Angela M. Grimm, IDWR, Boise
Ray Hennekey, IDFG
Marti Bridges, IDEQ