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Dear Eric:

REFERENCE: 94-7496; WALDO

We have reviewed the application by Michael and Theresa Waldo to divert 0.05 cfs from springs, which are a tributary of Tepee Creek, for irrigation, fire protection, and domestic use.

We have no objection to the proposed water right; however, the application provided no details about the pipeline installation. The application delineates two diversion locations. We are particularly concerned with the diversion on the east side of Forest Service Road 812. To reach the cabin from this location the pipe must not only cross the road, but it must also cross Tepee Creek.

Tepee Creek is a critically important westslope cutthroat spawning and rearing stream. Disturbance to the stream banks and channel may be detrimental to this important aquatic habitat and may also be injurious to incubating eggs and/or fry in the gravel. We recommend that the stream banks and channel not be disturbed.

We strongly recommend that the applicant fully describe how the pipe will be positioned from the point of diversion to the cabin, or consider not utilizing this diversion.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

*Mary Terra Berns*  
for  
Charles E. Corsi  
Regional Supervisor

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