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Mr. Keith Franklin
Idaho Department of Water Resources
Northern Region
7600 Mineral Drive, Suite 100
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Dear Mr. Franklin:

REFERENCE: WATER RIGHT APPLICATION 87-10060, VIKING TRUST

Viking Trust has requested a water right for 20 acre feet storage for wildlife in an existing pond off Flannigan Creek Road between Viola and Potlatch.

Although availability of water is not a limiting factor for wildlife in this area, the subject pond appears to have been in place for some time: wetland and aquatic vegetation is well established and there is no evidence of recent disturbance for construction. We are not aware of any adverse impacts from the existing pond. Therefore, IDFG has no objection to issuing a water right for the existing pond.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Dave Cadwallader
Clearwater Regional Supervisor

c: Sharon Kieffer, IDFG
Viking Trust, PO Box 3, Viola, ID 83872

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