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RE: Water Right 37-7644

Mr. Stevenson,

At the request of the watermaster of Water District 37, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is in the process of reviewing all ground water rights in the district that have conditions requiring watermaster regulation. The intent of our review is to provide guidance to the watermaster so that he might more effectively carry out his responsibilities associated with this matter.

It has come to our attention during the review of this right 37-07644 that this right was incorrectly conditioned when it was licensed in 2005. Condition number nine states the following:

Rights 37-7644, 37-2649A, 37-2649B, and 37-7014 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 5.0 cfs.

This same condition was also found in the IDWR recommendation of right 37-07644 in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). A copy of the Water Right License and SRBA recommendation for 37-07644 are enclosed for your review. In recognition of the previously approved combined flow rate of 7.44 cfs for water rights 37-02649A and 37-02649B, condition nine of license 37-07644 should have limited the combined rate of diversion of the three rights to 7.44 cfs, not 5.00 cfs as recorded.

IDWR would like to update water right license 37-07644 to reflect a corrected combined use limitation value of 7.44 cfs. If this update is made timely, then IDWR can similarly update its' recommendation of the same right with the SRBA District Court. If the updates are not made, then the total rate of diversion under all three rights may be permanently restricted to the lower amount. We ask that you reply to us in writing within the next 21 days regarding your consent to the above described modifications to your water right. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me by phone at (208) 287-4914 or by email at mathew.weaver@idwr.idaho.gov.

Respectfully,


Mathew Weaver, PE
Staff Engineer

Enclosure