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Re: Permit #75-14265 — Meter Reading

Dear Shelley:

My final meter reading for the year is late because I've just been distracted. Went to Salt Lake for a doctor visit in late September and then it just seemed like more and more issues required my attention. Anyway, sorry for the over sight.

Let me caution you that I think the readings I gave you for 8/1 and 9/1, were false. In late July this area had several big rain events that contributed to big run-offs in the river with lots of sediment, i.e., sand. I was suspicious of the readings and discovered that the meter device that the water passes through to calibrated the gallons per minute was not working. It makes the August and September reading unreliable. You might want to advise the Forest Service that even the best meters would be subject to sand.

I took the pump off the river on September 23, and reading was 2,648,900 gallons.

Summary of meter readings for 2008:

April 26, reading — 1,561,200 gal
May 1, reading — 1,584,000 gal
June 1, reading — 1,921,800 gal
July 1, reading — 2,127,900 gal
Aug 1, reading — 2,414,700 gal
Sept 1, reading — 2,592,100 gal
Sept 23, reading — 2,648,900 gal

Back to "sand in the meter": it's easy to clean out the sand and restore reliability. It just takes decoupling the meter from the pump line and washing the internals out with a garden hose.

Enjoy you're your holiday and you'll hear from me in April or May.

Sincerely,



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