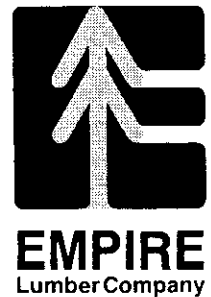


August 23, 2007

Keith E. Franklin
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources
7600 N Mineral Dr. Suite 100
Coeur d' Alene, ID 83815

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Dear Keith:

Enclosed is Empire Lumber Company's Application for Permit to Appropriate the Public Waters of the State of Idaho that you had returned to me seeking more information and clarification. In this letter I will also respond to the several Water Appropriation Rules that you outlined in your letter, namely 40.05.c through 40.05.g.

- c.
 - i. Not applicable
 - ii. I have included a list of all wells within a ½ mile radius of our proposed well.
 - iii. The only other entity in the area that currently has a well drilled to the depth we are expecting to also drill to is the City of Weippe.
- d.
 - i. The fire suppression portion of our project will only use water on an emergency basis. There is a chance no water will ever be used, but if the suppression system is activated, water will only be used until either the fire has been suppressed or the mill buildings are destroyed.

Log deck watering and mill yard watering for dust abatement will only be conducted during the summer months, which is usually May through October.

Estimated consumption on a yearly basis is approximately 3,548 acre feet per year for the log deck watering portion and 130 acre feet per year for dust abatement watering for a total of 3,678 acre feet per year.

- ii. The ground water source we hope to locate is the Grand Ronde aquifer.
- e.
 - i. Not applicable
 - ii. Copies of requests for comment from the various required entities listed in g. below will be forwarded to the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources as they are received by Empire.
- f.
 - i. We feel it is unnecessary to reveal financial statements to prove we have the financial ability to carry out this project. Empire Lumber has operated in the state of Idaho in excess of 50 years and we are a financially secure company. A project of this magnitude would not be undertaken if the funds weren't available to carry it out.

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Empire Lumber Company, dba **KAMIAH MILLS**, P.O. Box 638, Kamiah, ID 83536 (208) 935-2536

- ii. We plan to drill a well with a hole diameter large enough to accept a 300 hp line shaft pump with the capability of pumping at least 1,500 gpm. The well will start out at 24" and will be reduced to 16" once hard basalt rock is encountered. The pump chamber will be cased to 16" and will be drilled to a depth that will allow acceptable water volume to be available; approximately 450 feet. A feeder hole drilled to 15" will continue until acceptable water volumes have been found. The well will be drilled and sealed using practices acceptable to the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Costs to carry out the project are expected to be approximately \$250,000.
- g. i. Letters have been sent to the City of Weippe, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality seeking comments on our project. A copy of the City of Weippe's response is included; copies from Fish and Game and DEG will be made available as they are received.

If you need further information I can be reached at 208-935-0036.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Eller".

Randy Eller
Resource Manager
Empire Lumber Company

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Contact	Use	TWP	RNG	SEC	Tract	Gov. Lot	WellAddress	Sub	BL	L	Gallons Per Minute	Static Water Level	Total Depth
BALL, HAROLD	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14							25	48	20
Related Documents													
CITY OF WEIPPE	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SWNW		101				250	60	10
Related Documents													
CITY OF WEIPPE	Municipal	35N	04E	14	SWNE						25	94	13
Related Documents													
CITY OF WEIPPE	Municipal	35N	04E	14	SWNW						300	45	9
Related Documents													
BOYER, BILL	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SENE						9	120	16
Related Documents													
SALINAS, TOM	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	NENW		170				18	100	17
Related Documents													
WEIPPE RADIO ASSOCIATION	Stockwater	35N	04E	14	SENE		200				30	95	20
Related Documents													
LYONS, DEWAINE	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	NW						20	75	13
Related Documents													
HARTIG, LEROY W	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	NENW		150				30	130	18
Related Documents													
HIRCH, ED	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	NENW		165				25	100	16
Related Documents													
	Domestic-												

REBEL, ALBERT	Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SWNE			20	110	16
Related Documents										
LANGE, JERRY B	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SESE			60	70	14
Related Documents										
HAMILTON, ROBERT	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SENE	188		60	94	18
Related Documents										
KANADA, LEROY, KANNADO, KANASLA	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SENE	195		30	105	15
Related Documents										
NELSON, PHIL	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SWSW	3004 CEMETARY ROAD		15	44	10
Related Documents										
SPENCE, SHELLY, SPENCE, LARRY	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	NESW	2014 MUSSELSHELL ROAD		15	80	20
Related Documents										
PRICE, RICHARD	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SWNW	2006 MUSSELLSHELL-1/4 MILE MUSSELSHELL ROAD WINDY KNOLL FARM	148	10	94	14
Related Documents										
IHLANDFELDT-SMITH, TERESA	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SWNE	8" WAIVER - 2000 MUSSELSHELL		10	91	27
Related Documents										
HUETH, GORDON R, HUTCH, GORDON	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	NWNW	HWY 11 ON L PRIOR TO CITY LIMIT	80	8	42	8
Related Documents										
CHRISTOPHERSON, PATRICK	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	14	SWNE	SEE MAP		20	80	15
Related Documents										

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CHAPMAN, LEO R	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	10	NESE		65				12	15	65	20	6	8/
Related Documents																
MC INTOCH, LENORD	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	10	NESE		65				12	18	65	39	6	8/
Related Documents																
DURANT, WILLIAM	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	10	NESE		65				20	22	65	31	6	10
Related Documents																
WILLIS, CLARENCE	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	10	SENE						100	1	51	38	6	4/
Related Documents																

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BIES, MATT	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	15							5.5	70	135	136	61
Related Documents															
BEEBE, HOWARD, BEEBE, MARTHA	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	15	SWNE		72'			3	10	50	72	14	61
Related Documents															
WEIPPE SCHOOL DISTRICT # 271	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	15							50	40	101	67	69
Related Documents															
CITY OF WEIPPE	Municipal	35N	04E	15	NENE		185				50	75	185	129	129
Related Documents															
CITY OF WEIPPE	Municipal	35N	04E	15	SENW						60	63	167	25	121
Related Documents															
HUETH, GORDON	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	15	NESW						8	54	112		7
Related Documents															
HUETH, GORDON	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	15	SW						20	55	120		67
Related Documents															
CITY OF WEIPPE	Municipal	35N	04E	15	NWSE						99999.99	60	100	19	101
Related Documents															
CITY OF WEIPPE	Municipal	35N	04E	15	SWSE						60	220	385	40	107
Related Documents															
CITY OF WEIPPE	Municipal	35N	04E	15	SWSE						948	203	595	149	161

Related Documents

ROSS, RICHARD	Domestic- Single Residence	35N	04E	15	SENE	102	30	70	102	25	61
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MC INTOSH, LEONARD	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	11	NW						4	1	39	18	6
Related Documents															
BOETZ, WILLIAM	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	11	NWSW		526				8	250	426	18	8
Related Documents															
SCHLADER, ROBERT B	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	11	NWNW						2	68	175	74	6
Related Documents															
DAVIS, FREDDY L	Domestic-Single Residence	35N	04E	11	NWNW		50 FEET FROM WEIPPE - PIERCE HIGHWAY				40	38	85	47	6
Related Documents															