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Subject: Application 65-23068 Soulen Livestock Company

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Attachments: Soulen storage.pdf

Hi Ron:

This application was the one where Don Watts met with you on-site to review the proposed reservoir project on Mill Creek upstream from Cascade Reservoir.

Don called me a couple times recently to talk about this. He then sent me a letter addressing your concerns noted in your Watermaster comments of last December.

Don said the project has been greatly reduced from original 50 ft. dam for 250-300 af to dam about 20 ft., store 100 af or less.

Assuming the application is reduced to a maximum of 100 af of storage, please see the attached information - includes your comments from last December and Don's responses to those items. Appears the applicant believes natural flow after June 15, if any, would not reach any stream below his property (futile call scenario?). It strikes me as a little odd to say there is 100 af of additional runoff available for storage but it never leaves the property - guess it's possible but seems unlikely.

I'm not sure how to address the latest information - what about something like this:

- 1) Natural flow after June 15 in any year must pass through the reservoir or must be mitigated by rental pool lease.
- 2) Requires measuring devices above and below the reservoir.
- 3) Storage can only occur in years when the Payette River Basin generates adequate natural flow to fill the reservoir under this new priority.

What are your thoughts about this - approvable application? What kinds of conditions of approval for up to 100 af of storage?

Applicant is anxious to get started so your comments would be helpful anytime soon.

Please call if you want to discuss. Thanks for your help.

Steve



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