

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2008
TO: Sharla Cox
FROM: Morgan Case
RE: Application for Permit No. 75-7588

Bill Gattung filed an application for 1.3 cfs of flow out of Gattung Slough, tributary to the Salmon River. Gattung Slough is an artificial source of water fed by water from Williams Creek and the Salmon River. Williams Creek has been identified as a seasonally flow-limited stream by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Inter-agency efforts to reconnect flow-impaired streams for anadromous fish habitat in the Upper Salmon River Basin are currently under way. Without further investigation into the source of the water, how it will be delivered, and if it will result in more water being diverted from Williams Creek, it is impossible to assess the impact on efforts to improve fish habitat in Williams Creek.

The applicant should also be aware that the Idaho Water Resource Board holds a minimum stream flow water right 74-14184 in the same reach or downstream of the applicant's point of diversion. As a junior water right holder, when the minimum stream flow is not being met, the applicant's water will be curtailed.

The Idaho Water Resource Board would also like assurance that the applicant's water right will be actively administered to protect the Board's minimum stream flow right.