



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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October 1, 2008

Lyle Swank
Idaho Department of Water Resources
900 N. Skyline Dr., Suite A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

Re: Water Right Application No. 75-14549 (Idaho Department of Fish and Game)

Dear Lyle,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) fisheries staff has reviewed the application from IDFG Conservation Education staff for 0.06 cfs of surface water to irrigate 3 acres near the city of Salmon. The source of the water supply is Kid's Creek, a spring fed tributary to the main Salmon River. The landowner intends to pump from this source. This irrigation water will be utilized to develop and maintain native vegetation on IDFG owned property being developed as a public nature area. The use of this water and the vegetation it will support is a vital component of the project. This water withdrawal will positively impact fish, wildlife, aquatic resources and the educational aspect of this site while not negatively impacting offsite resources. Therefore, we support the permit issuance.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Lukens".

James R. Lukens
Regional Supervisor

cc: Walt Poole
Rick Carlson
Bob Foster
Bonnie Jakubos

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