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Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor
Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise, Idaho 83705-5082

Dear Mr. Lester,

I am writing to seek expedited authorization for a transfer of Water Right and new Point of Diversion for our property in the Dry Creek Watershed, Ada County, Idaho.

The property, currently owned by Alpine Creek, LLC, was part of the Jeker Ranch and has been in our family for over 70 years. In honor of my grandparents, Julius and Anna Jeker, we are developing Julianna Park, which will be 400 to 500 feet in wide and approximately 1800 feet in length, the length of Dry Creek as it meanders through our property. Repair of the eroded streambank adjacent to the existing concrete irrigation structure is our first step towards restoring and enhancing the wildlife habitat that continues to deteriorate with the drop in the water table that resulted from the blowout.

The work is currently scheduled for July 2008. Included in the repair is an additional point of diversion, the installation of a sump pump and perforated pipe at the repair site. We plan on installing a sprinkler system and seeding the repair site in August 2008, thus providing an opportunity for the plants and grasses to become established prior to the spring of 2009 runoff.

For the past seven months I have been working with multiple local agencies and received generous support for our project.

Ada Soil and Water Conservation District, in November 2007, unanimously supported repairing the eroded bank adjacent to the irrigation diversion on our property and re-vegetating our section of Dry Creek as their #1 priority for their 319 Pilot Project. Charlie Baun, Board Member, has been very helpful in providing direction and contacts.

Rob Sampson, Natural Resource Conservation Service, had a team on site performing surveying and cultural studies. He is engineering the repair of the site which will include a spillway to prevent future damage to the structure. Included in his design is the placement of perforated pipe in the streambed and a sump pump for irrigation of adjacent fields as well as for establishing new riparian vegetation along the streambank.

Skip Vetten, Natural Resource Conservation Service, has also been extremely helpful. He recently applied for Surplus 319 Matching Funds from the Department of Environmental Quality. Skip has also designed the plantings at the repair site, submitted a grant and has received a mixture of various grass seeds for reseeding of the repair site.

Dave Pisarski, Department of Environmental Quality, authorized \$50,000 in Surplus 319 Matching Funds for the diversion repair and gave verbal authorization for an additional \$8,000 which they intend to have available by the end of the summer.

Scott Koberg, Natural Resource Conservation Service, applied for 319 Funds from DEQ for establishing and repairing riparian habitat upstream of the diversion. DEQ requested a presentation on the Grant Application, which Scott and Skip Vetten gave last week. We should know by July 2008 if we will receive matching fund for the habitat we plan to develop in 2009.

The Army Corps of Engineers is in support of the project. Greg Martinez has indicated he will write a letter stating we do not need a permit for repair of the diversion, once he receives the application. Skip Vetten submitted that application on April 4, 2008. (A copy is attached.)

Karl Gebhardt is performing hydrology studies to correct FEMA mapping errors. The diversion, installed in the 1960's with government subsidies, is not included on the current FEMA map. Karl's work will be completed within the next couple weeks.

The property is currently in the City of Eagle Area of Impact. The City is very supportive of the "wildlife park" we are creating as it will someday be a wonderful asset to their city.

Mike Mongelli, Eagle Building Department Floodway Expert, supports reduced downstream sediment flows that will be the result of the repair.

Lori Graves, Water Rights Specialist, SPF Water Engineering, has assisted me in my application for Transfer of Water Rights. If you have any questions she may be reached at: (208) 383-4140, ext. 219.

Thank you for considering a quick review of this application as it enables us to establish vegetation at the repair site as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heidi Patterson".

Heidi Patterson, Manager
Alpine Creek, LLC