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CLEARWATER REGION

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September 12, 2007

Mr. Tom Larson
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Missoula, MT 59804

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Dear Mr. Larson:

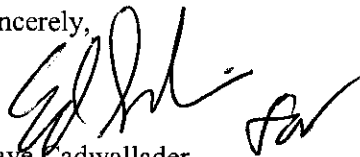
RE: Application for Approval of Water Appropriation

IDFG has reviewed your draft application to Idaho Department of Water Resources to withdraw a maximum of 1.0 cfs, maximum of 5 AFA, from a spring tributary to Papoose Creek via a funnel and hose to fill a 500 gallon tank truck from May 1 to November 30 annually. The water will be trucked to various sites and used to for exploratory drilling and mining. You have held a temporary water right from the same source for several years.

Idaho Fish and Game has not received any information to indicate that past withdrawals had an adverse impact on fish and wildlife; therefore, we can assume that continuing the withdrawals on a permanent basis will, similarly, have no impact. However, past withdrawal rates should also have established the typical water demand for your operation. Idaho Fish and Game is not opposed to issuance of the water appropriation requested, but recommend that both instantaneous and total withdrawals be limited to that previously permitted in the temporary allocations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your application. Please contact Ray Hennekey at the Lewiston Fish and Game office (208) 799-5010 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Dave Cadwallader
Clearwater Regional Supervisor

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July 27, 2007

Tom Larson
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Re: Application For Permit to Appropriate the Public Waters of the State of Idaho.

Dear Mr. Larson:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is in receipt of your application to withdraw water from a spring that is tributary to Papoose Creek for mining purposes within Water Basin 81.

Your project happens to be in the Salmon-Clearwater River drainage, which is now considered a sensitive basin. Idaho Code 42-203A(5) requires IDWR to evaluate the attached criteria for applications to appropriate water. Please review the attachment, seek comments from the Department of Fish & Game, the Department of Environmental Quality and the US Forest Service and respond to Rules 40.05 c. through 40.05 g. on page two and submit the information to IDWR within the next 30 days. In addition, please supply a copy of the agreement with the US Forest Service allowing access to the spring and use of the ground.

Once the department receives this additional information, processing of the application can continue. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at this office.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Franklin
Senior Water Resources Agent

Enclosure/kf

Cc: Marti Bridges at IDEQ in Boise
Cindy Robertson at IDFG in Boise
Cal Goen at IDFG in Lewiston
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