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Tom Larson
3335 North Ave. W.
Missoula, MT 59804

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

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Cc: Marti Bridges at IDEQ in Boise
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