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CLEARWATER REGION

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Darrel Stucky
421 Lincoln Ave
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Subject: Mill Pond Reconstruction

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Dear Mr. Stucky,

Rich Gribble, Engineer, Idaho County NRCS, contacted us about having the NRCS begin engineering the new dam and pond on Mill Creek. Mr. Gribble informed you that you need prior approval from IDFG so NRCS can begin the design work.

Your project is approved by the Idaho Fish and Game as long as you continue to be willing to follow the recommendations outlined in the 4/17/07 and 7/25/07 letters previously submitted to you by IDFG. Additionally, you will be required to follow the NRCS engineering designs and specifications for your dam and pond reconstruction. We also request to review the design prior to project implementation.

It has come to our attention that you intend to stock fish within the re-established pond. The IDWR Water Appropriation for your pond did not include fish propagation as a designated use. Also, due to high volume seasonal flows in Mill Creek, it will very likely be impossible to design a screening system that will prevent stocked fish from escaping and entering the lower stream and Clearwater River system. Although there are some sterile hybrids that may meet Department approval for a stocking permit, it is likely that obtaining a stocking permit from the Department will be very difficult. We anticipate that the reconstructed pond will be populated by resident fish in Mill Creek, if it provides suitable habitat; therefore, we recommend that you allow resident fish to establish in the pond rather than planning to stock the pond.

If you have any further technical assistance needs, please feel free to contact Jim Teare or Ray Hennekey at anytime.

Sincerely,

Dave Cadwallader
Regional Supervisor - Clearwater Region

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Cc: Jim Teare - Regional Habitat Biologist - IDFG
Ray Hennekey, Region 2 Environmental Staff Biologist
Rich Gribble, Engineer Idaho Co. NRCS