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C.L. "Butch" Otter/Governor
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Lyle Swank
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

Re: Water Right Application No. 74-15624 (Simpson)

Dear Lyle,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) staff has reviewed the application from John A. and Susan I. Simpson for 0.48 cfs of waste water from water rights 74-0178BB and 74-10168 from Bohannon Creek to irrigate 12 acres. The supporting water rights (74-0178BB and 74-10168) are held by a neighbor. It is the position of IDFG that Bohannon Creek is flow limited, and from a biological perspective, the water resources in the creek are already over-appropriated. IDFG is currently working toward reconnecting Bohannon Creek to the Lemhi River.

Water rights 74-178BB (0.12 cfs) and 74-10168 (0.24 cfs) total 0.36 cfs and therefore fall short of the 0.48 cfs requested. IDFG cannot support a waste water request that exceeds the supporting water rights (74-0178BB and 74-10168), since this could result in additional withdrawal from Bohannon Creek and impact the available water for fishery resources.

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
Shelley Keen
John A. and Susan I. Simpson

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