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April 25, 2008

Mr. Keith Franklin
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Dear Keith:

REFERENCE: VILLELLI: 98-7859

We have met with Mr. Villelli to review and discuss our concerns for his request to extract 4.3 cfs from Round Prairie Creek for wildlife, wildlife storage, recreation, recreation storage, fire protection, and fire protection storage.

As we mentioned in our previous letter (July 30, 2007) Round Prairie Creek is a tributary to the Moyie River, which is managed by IDFG as a wild trout fishery and it is becoming increasingly popular with sport fishing anglers. This waterway provides important spawning areas for native rainbow (redband) trout and provides year-round holding and foraging habitat for salmonids.

A document (*Stipulated Agreement Towards Water Permit Application Number 98-7859*) that Mr. Villelli sent to us indicates that he is willing to agree to a minimum stream flow established by the Department of Water Resources. The State of Idaho holds a water right (98-7704) for Minimum Flow (354.0 cfs from 4/1 - 7/31 and 149.0 cfs from 8/1 - 3/31) on the Moyie River. U.S.G.S. stream flow data (see attached) indicates that in at least five of the last ten years the minimum flow has not been met in July. In the August through October timeframe (low water months) only one year (different for each month) out of the last ten years has been above the minimum of 149.0 cfs.

We will agree to withdraw our Protest if the applicant is willing to agree to: 1) a minimum stream flow of 2.0 cfs for Round Prairie Creek and 2) that under no circumstances should the minimum flow of the Moyie River be violated as a result of this withdrawal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Charles E. "Chip" Corsi
Regional Supervisor

Keeping Idaho's Wildlife Heritage

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C: Bart Butterfield, Walt Poole, IDFG Boise
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Attachment

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Hydrologic Unit Code 17010105	HTML table of all data
Latitude 48°59'57", Longitude 116°10'47" NAD83	Tab-separated data
Drainage area 570 square miles	Reselect output format
Gage datum 2,620.06 feet above sea level NGVD29	

00060, Discharge, cubic feet per second,												
YEAR	Monthly mean in cfs (Calculation Period: 1998-01-01 -> 2007-09-30)											
	Period-of-record for statistical calculation restricted by user											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1998	138.0	150.2	405.9	1,126	3,236	1,485	354.4	131.6	65.2	68.6	117.1	222.7
1999	185.2	154.8	402.9	1,331	3,174	3,187	1,075	231.9	101.0	101.8	797.4	371.7
2000	208.9	169.9	308.7	1,626	2,684	1,330	282.1	79.8	55.7	61.5	58.9	48.9
2001	50.9	49.9	71.3	215.5	1,457	695.7	172.8	60.4	31.1	30.2	74.7	83.2
2002	178.4	204.2	259.5	1,394	3,461	2,986	562.4	114.2	66.6	56.6	62.0	73.4
2003	81.5	96.2	361.1	1,163	2,021	1,485	196.1	59.5	41.7	60.0	97.3	102.5
2004	87.6	89.3	292.7	1,478	1,776	981.4	323.3	119.4	171.0	144.6	167.4	273.7
2005	373.4	372.0	317.9	828.0	1,865	1,340	674.5	142.9	98.6	354.5	318.2	184.2
2006	329.0	220.1	306.1	1,660	3,661	1,848	335.4	107.6	67.3	58.8	328.0	210.7
2007	187.0	167.4	1,520	1,812	3,075	1,504	251.2	78.5	51.4			

Mean of monthly Discharge	182	167	425	1,260	2,640	1,680	423	113	75	104	225	175
** No Incomplete data have been used for statistical calculation												

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