

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right Application # 84-12245

From: Keith E. Franklin

Date: March 3, 2008

Re: Application for a Permit to Appropriate Water within the Salmon and Clearwater River Basins.

Re: Regional Analysis and Recommendation in accordance with Water Appropriation Rules (IDAPA 37.03.08.040.05).

Water Supply Information.

The Idaho Department of Fish & Game as well as the Department of Environmental Quality has no objection to the applicant withdrawing 0.78 cfs from Orofino Creek for municipal purposes.

Good Faith, Delay, or Speculative Information.

The applicant plans to divert water for the City of Pierce, Idaho and there are no known issues with any other party.

Financial Resources Information.

For this project, the applicant has the ability to acquire the money necessary to fund the project. Being a public entity, the City of Pierce has the ability to access money from their general fund as well as bond issues. The cost estimate for this project is \$190,560.

Local Public Interest.

The Idaho Department of Fish & Game and the Department of Environmental Quality have been ask to comment, by the applicant. Written comments received from these agencies, indicate they are not apposed to the applicant's proposal and see no adverse impact to fish, wildlife or habitat. However, Fish & Game requests the following condition of approval be added: "This right when combined with 84-2022 cannot exceed a diversion of 1.0 cfs".

Injury to Other Water Rights.

It is not anticipated there will be injury to other water right holders, since the existing diversion for the City of Pierce is from Canal Creek, which is directly tributary to Orofino Creek.

Recommendation.

Northern Region recommends proceeding with the processing of this water right application.