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Terry W. Nab, P.E.
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1208 Idaho Street
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RE: Water Right Application, City of Pierce, Idaho

Dear Mr. Nab,

We received your letter requesting our comments and concurrence on the approval of your application to draw water from Orofino Creek for municipal purposes for the City of Pierce, Clearwater County. Assuming all federal, state and local permits have been obtained, regulations met, and reviews completed, we offer the following comments.

In the Idaho water quality standards, Orofino Creek is included in water body ID 17060306CL039 and is protected for cold water and salmonid spawning aquatic life, and primary contact recreation designated beneficial uses. This section of Orofino Creek is currently listed in Section 3 of the Idaho 2002 Integrated Report as not assessed.

We agree that the Orofino Creek flow in this segment is significant enough that the appropriation of 0.78 cfs and/or 565 acre feet per annum from January 1 to December 31 should not impact the water quality of the creek. At no time however, should the proposed appropriation be allowed to impair the designated beneficial uses of Orofino Creek. Stream flow adequate to sustain cold water aquatic life and primary contact recreation shall be maintained at all times.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your application. If you have any questions regarding the Idaho Water Quality Standards or the conditions listed above, please call us at (208) 799-4370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kerby M. Cole".

Kerby M. Cole, P.E.
Regional Administrator

KC/cb

cc: Keith Franklin, IDWR
Ray Hennekey, IDFG
Marti Bridges, IDEQ