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June 29, 2006

Mr. R. Terry Loft
167 Wimpey Creek Road
Salmon, Idaho 83467

RE: Water Rights Application Comments

Dear Mr. Loft:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") has reviewed our existing water quality information near your proposed project site identified in Application 74-15702.

The Department drafted a sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Wimpey Creek, which was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2000. This TMDL recommended a 93% reduction in sediment delivery to the stream from land use activities. To be consistent with this TMDL, the Department recommends you screen your diversion according to local Fish and Game specifications and minimize and sediment inputs into the system while maintaining your diversion or ditch.

If these recommendations are followed, the Department does not believe your water right or its use will negatively impact Wimpey Creek's beneficial uses or increase sediment delivery to the stream.

We do not have any other substantive comments at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 208.528.2650 for additional information we may be able to provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Saffle", is written over a horizontal line.

Troy Saffle
Regional Water Quality Manager
Idaho Falls Regional Office

c: Shelly Keen, IDWR

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