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November 7, 2006

JAMES E. RISCH, GOVERNOR
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Mr. Ross Bond, Jr.
10395 Bonnie Lane
La Mesa, California 91941

RE: DEQ comments on Water Rights Application 74-14277

Dear Mr. Bond:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") has reviewed our existing water quality information near your proposed project site identified in Application 74-15701.

The Department drafted a sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for McDevitt Creek, which was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2000. This TMDL recommended up to a 94% 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 sediment inputs into the system while maintaining your pond. Because the proposed diversion and pond are expected to be properly maintained, they should not change the sediment delivery to the stream, which would affect compliance with the TMDL for sediment.

Additionally, the Department is concerned about flow alteration of McDevitt Creek. Flow alteration of a stream through diversions or other uses of the water can have impacts on stream health. For this reason the Department cannot make a determination concerning the future overall health of the stream if this water right is granted.

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 "T. Saffle".

Troy Saffle
Regional Water Quality Manager
Idaho Falls Regional Office

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