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August 11, 2006

W. Roger Warner
Idaho Department of Water Resources
900 N. Skyline Dr., Suite A
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402-1718

Re: Water Right Application No. 74-15449 (Jakovac)

Dear Roger,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the above water right application from Mr. and Mrs. Jakovac for up to 0.09 cfs of spring water to irrigate 3 acres of ground and to water livestock on property adjacent to Withington Creek. The Department has no objection to the permit issuance, even though it falls within Water District 74 (the Lemhi River drainage), since the requested use is based on use that has been occurring for over 3 decades and will not change existing flow conditions in the Lemhi. We consider the Lemhi River drainage a critical anadromous fish recovery area, important resident fish habitat and fully appropriated for irrigation diversion.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Lukens".

James R. Lukens
Regional Supervisor

cc: Cindy Robertson
Walt Poole
Rick Carlson
Bob Foster
Shelley Keen
Jack and Sharon Jakovac

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