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October 11, 2007

Lyle Swank
Idaho Department of Water Resources
900 N. Skyline Dr., Suite A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

Re: Water Right Application No. ~~74-15807~~ (Smith)

71-10904

Dear Lyle,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) staff has reviewed the application from Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith for 0.04 cfs of surface water from Champion Creek near Sawtooth City to irrigate lawn. It is the position of IDFG that Champion Creek is already flow limited and that additional diversions will continue to negatively impact the biological integrity of the stream. However, the Smith's request is for domestic use, small in quantity, and is claimed to be a historic use that is being legalized. IDFG does not oppose the issuance of this water right, however we ask that the application be corrected to confine the period of use to the normal irrigation season for the Stanley Basin.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

James R. Lukens
Regional Supervisor

cc: Cindy Robertson
Walt Poole
Brian Reeves
Bob Foster
Shelley Keen
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith

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