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Mr. Walter Lindsey
710 25th Avenue
Lewiston, ID 83501

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

REFERENCE: WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

Idaho Fish and Game has reviewed your draft application for a water right to withdraw 0.09 cfs from the Salmon River. The proposed use is for irrigation from March 15 to November 15 annually. You propose to divert water from the Salmon River using a 7.5 hp pump.

IDFG believes that flows in the Salmon River at the proposed point of withdrawal are sufficient enough that the requested withdrawal will not have a significant impact on fish, wildlife or habitat. We have no objection to the proposed withdrawal.

However, please note that the pump intake velocity can not exceed 0.8 fps, with uniform flow over the intake screen. Intake screen openings must be 0.25" or smaller and should provide a minimum of 40% open area. The screen material should be corrosion resistant and sufficiently durable to maintain a smooth uniform surface with long term use. We will recommend these criteria as permit conditions to Idaho Department of Lands for the Encroachment Permit you are required to obtain prior to installing your waterline and pump in the Salmon River and to the Department of Water Resources as a condition for your water right.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Ray Hennekey at this office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Cadwallader

Clearwater Regional Supervisor

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