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May 3, 2007

Mr. John Westra
Idaho Department of Water Resources
Western Region
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705-5082

RE: Water Right Application # 78-7356 Simonson

Dear Mr. Nelson:

We have been contacted by Larry Simonson on a new application for an irrigation water right on the Little Salmon River (LSR). The proposed location is Idaho County Sec 29. Twp 23 N, R01E. The stated withdrawal amount was 0.3 cfs from 3/01 to 11/30 annually for irrigation.

The LSR is an important anadromous resource for the citizens of Idaho, annually several million hatchery smolts pass by the proposed intake site. The section of the LSR where the proposed diversion lies is not in an anadromous spawning area but fry could be present. If the intake is screened with 3/32 inch mesh opening (NOAA Fisheries standard) we will not protest the application. The Department has a program to assist in fish screening in anadromous waters and the local contact in Riggins; is Fritz Kettenburg at 208-628-3404. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to install and maintain the fish screen in functioning condition.

If you have further questions or need further information please contact Dale Allen, Regional Fishery Manager in McCall at 208-0634-8137.

Sincerely,

Scott Reinecker
Southwest Regional Supervisor

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