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SOULEN LIVESTOCK COMPANY
C/O DON WATTS PE
2212 N 20TH ST
BOISE ID 83702

Re: Application for Permit No. 65-23068

Dear Mr. Watts:

The above referenced application for Mill Creek storage was advertised without protests. However, the Payette River Watermaster, Mr. Ron Shurtleff, opposes approval of the application for reasons noted in the enclosed copy of his comments. You might recall previous discussions that you and I had about possible issues related to the Payette River system regarding this application.

The Watermaster is the person most familiar with how a specific proposal would impact the bigger picture within the water district. As you can see from his comments, significant questions remain about the proposal.

Please submit information addressing and satisfying the Watermaster concerns. To address those concerns, it might be best for you to meet with the Watermaster to determine if a viable solution can be found. You may seek additional time to provide the information by making a written request to interrupt processing for up to six months. Your response including the requested information, or a request for more time to seek the information, must be received within the next ninety (90) days. The application will be voided without a timely written reply.

Mr. Shurtleff can be reached at 642-4465 in Payette. Please contact me at 334-2190 if you need more information. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure: Watermaster Comments

Copy: Watermaster Ron Shurtleff (w/o enclosure)