



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Director

December 18, 2007

DON WIGGINS
PO BOX 497
CLARK FORK ID 83811

RE: Permit No. 96-9349

Permit Approval Notice

Dear Permit Holder:

The Department of Water Resources has issued the enclosed permit authorizing you to establish a new water right. Please be sure to thoroughly review the conditions of approval and remarks listed on your permit.

The permit is a PRELIMINARY ORDER issued by the Department pursuant to Section 67-5243, Idaho Code. It can and will become a final order without further action by the Department unless a party petitions for reconsideration or files an exception and/or brief within fourteen (14) days of the service date as described in the enclosed information sheet.

Enclosed is a form entitled 'Instructions for Proof of Beneficial Use.' Please read the instructions carefully since you must take further action to develop this permit into a licensed water right. Also enclosed is a form entitled 'Proof of Beneficial Use.' If your project is already completed, you should complete and submit this form immediately.

The right to drill a well is not a part of this permit to appropriate water. Beginning in July of 1987, a statute was enacted which requires a drilling permit for new well construction and deepening of existing wells. If the well(s) proposed for use under this water right permit were drilled or deepened after July 1, 1987, a separate drilling permit must be obtained from this Department. Please contact the Ground Water Protection Section located here at this office or our regional office nearest you.

Also, please note that water right owners are required to report any change of water right ownership and/or mailing address to the Department within 120 days of the change. Failure to report these changes could result in a \$100 late filing fee. Contact any office of the Department or visit the Department's homepage on the Internet to obtain the proper forms and instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 762-2800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith E. Franklin". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "K" and a cursive "Franklin".

Keith E. Franklin
Sr. Water Resources Agent

Enclosure(s)

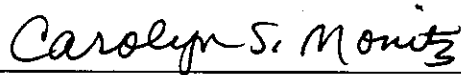
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 18, 2007 I mailed a true and correct copy, postage prepaid, of the foregoing PRELIMINARY ORDER(Approved Permit) to the person(s) listed below:

RE: WATER RIGHT NO.

96-9349

**DON WIGGINS
PO BOX 497
CLARK FORK ID 83811**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carolyn S. Monitz", is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Carolyn S. Monitz
Technical Records Clerk**

**STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PROOF OF BENEFICIAL USE

HOW TO MAKE PROOF:

In order for a permit holder to fulfill the conditions of the permit obtain a water right license, the permit holder must submit the Proof of Beneficial Use form (proof) together with the license examination fee (if required) **OR** submit the proof together with a completed field examination report prepared by a certified water right examiner on or before the date set in the permit for the proof. The information submitted by the permit holder will enable the department to determine the extent of beneficial use before the license is issued. The information entered on the proof form should show the extent of actual development of the project and should correspond to that authorized by the permit. If it does not, an amendment (change) to the permit may be required.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT FULLY APPLIED THE WATER TO BENEFICIAL USE:

If the development authorized by the permit has not been completed in the time allowed, the permit holder may submit a request for extension of time in which to submit the proof. In order for a request for extension of time to be considered without loss of priority, it must be filed prior to the date on which proof of beneficial use is due. Each request for extension of time will be considered on its own merits.

WHAT IF YOU FAIL TO MAKE PROOF OF BENEFICIAL USE ON TIME:

If you have applied the water to beneficial use, but did not submit the proof of beneficial use on or before the date set for the proof, the permit will lapse. A lapsed permit may be reinstated within **sixty (60) days** from the date the department sends the lapse notice. In order for the department to reinstate the permit, the permit holder must show reasonable cause why the permit should be reinstated. Submission of an acceptable proof of beneficial use form within the sixty (60) day period will be considered as reasonable cause for reinstatement.

EXAMINATION FEE:

Section 42-217 and Section 42-221, Idaho Code, require an examination fee as part of the proof of beneficial use submittal if a completed field examination report prepared by a certified water right examiner is not submitted as part of the proof. The fee is based upon the rate of diversion or volume of water claimed on the proof of beneficial use form. **The appropriate fee can be determined from the license examination fee schedule on the back of this form.**

ISSUANCE OF LICENSE:

The department will issue a license of water right based on the determination of the amount of water beneficially used in compliance with existing law. The license will include specific information to describe the water right developed.

NOTE - You must comply with the conditions of approval of your permit or seek to have the department waive the conditions. (See the last page of the permit for conditions).

Statement of Available Procedures and Applicable Time Limits

RESPONDING TO PRELIMINARY ORDERS ISSUED BY THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (To be used in connection with actions when a hearing was not held)

(Required by Rule of Procedure 730.02)

The accompanying order or approved document is a "**Preliminary Order**" issued by the department pursuant to section 67-5243, Idaho Code. **It can and will become a final order without further action of the Department of Water Resources ("department") unless a party petitions for reconsideration, files an exception and brief, or requests a hearing as further described below:**

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of a preliminary order with the department within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order. **Note: the petition must be received by the department within this fourteen (14) day period.** The department will act on a petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See Section 67-5243(3) Idaho Code.

EXCEPTIONS AND BRIEFS

Within fourteen (14) days after (a) the service date of a preliminary order, (b) the service date of a denial of a petition for reconsideration from this preliminary order, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration from this preliminary order, any party may in writing support or take exceptions to any part of a preliminary order and may file briefs in support of the party's position on any issue in the proceeding with the Director. Otherwise, this preliminary order will become a final order of the agency.

REQUEST FOR HEARING

Unless a right to a hearing before the Department or the Water Resource Board is otherwise provided by statute, any person aggrieved by any final decision, determination, order or action of the Director of the Department and who has not previously been afforded an opportunity for a hearing on the matter may request a hearing pursuant to section 42-1701A(3), Idaho Code. A written petition contesting the action of the Director and requesting a hearing shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the denial or conditional approval.

ORAL ARGUMENT

If the Director grants a petition to review the preliminary order, the Director shall allow all parties an opportunity to file briefs in support of or taking exceptions to the preliminary order and may schedule oral argument in the matter before issuing a final order. If oral arguments are to be heard, the Director will within a reasonable time period notify each party of the place, date and hour for the argument of the case. Unless the Director orders otherwise, all oral arguments will be heard in Boise, Idaho.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

All exceptions, briefs, requests for oral argument and any other matters filed with the Director in connection with the preliminary order shall be served on all other parties to the proceedings in accordance with IDAPA Rules 37.01.01302 and 37.01.01303 (Rules of Procedure 302 and 303).

FINAL ORDER

The Director will issue a final order within fifty-six (56) days of receipt of the written briefs, oral argument or response to briefs, whichever is later, unless waived by the parties or for good cause shown. The Director may remand the matter for further evidentiary hearings if further factual development of the record is necessary before issuing a final order. The department will serve a copy of the final order on all parties of record.

Section 67-5246(5), Idaho Code, provides as follows:

Unless a different date is stated in a final order, the order is effective fourteen (14) days after its issuance if a party has not filed a petition for reconsideration. If a party has filed a petition for reconsideration with the agency head, the final order becomes effective when:

- (a) the petition for reconsideration is disposed of; or
- (b) the petition is deemed denied because the agency head did not dispose of the petition within twenty-one (21) days.

APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER TO DISTRICT COURT

Pursuant to sections 67-5270 and 67-5272, Idaho Code, if this preliminary order becomes final, any party aggrieved by the final order or orders previously issued in this case may appeal the final order and all previously issued orders in this case to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which:

- i. A hearing was held,
- ii. The final agency action was taken,
- iii. The party seeking review of the order resides, or
- iv. The real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.

The appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days of this preliminary order becoming final. See section 67-5273, Idaho Code. The filing of an appeal to district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.