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RE: Status: Permit Applications #63-32465, #63-32466, #63-32467, &
#63-32462-protested

Dear Mr. Campbell:

This letter is in response to your letter of August 22, 2007 requesting immediate processing of the above uncontested applications.

Per your request, our office expedited public notice of the applications on June 7 & 14, 2007. Application #63-32462 has 2 remaining protests with recent settlement with Idaho Fish & Game. Applications #63-32465, #63-32466, & 63-32467 were not contested.

Presently, our agency has 12 wildlife applications in the lower Boise River corridor (Parma) totaling over 300 cfs of flow. As these applications present a new concept, the Department administration and other regulatory agencies desire to review the individual and cumulative effects of the proposed projects on the river and environment. Thus, applications will be reviewed/processed as a group to gauge impacts.

This time of year our office staff is stretched very thin with field and regulation priorities. During the remainder of 2007, the administration has also set specific priorities that must be met by regional offices. Unfortunately, we can not honor your request to expedite the processing of your client's applications alone; however, we will finalize processing of your uncontested applications by the following time frame:

- Distribute the application group to outside regulatory agencies for review and input-- **Fall of 2007.**
- Regional Office completes review and processing of applications #63-32465, #63-32466, & #65-32467—no later than **January 30, 2007.**
- Issuance of application final approval/denial orders by Department Administration.

Should you have any questions or desire to discuss the processing time frames, please contact me at the Western Region, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

John Westra, Manager Western Region

Cc: Gary Spackman, Administrator