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Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

RE: Application to Appropriate Water 75-14314

Dear Mr. Warner,

I am providing my response to water appropriation rules 40.05c through 40.05g, per your previous correspondence.

I have owned this property for over 13 years, and from my personal observations, there is more than sufficient water flow to support my proposed usage with negligible impact to other users. My basis for this statement is 1) there has always been ample flow of water from Hughes Creek to the North Fork of the Salmon River at all times of the year, even during irrigation periods, and 2) the allocation that I am requesting, 0.23 cfs, is extremely small, even when compared to the low flow rate during this year which is statistically a low flow year for the drainage.

I have attached a contractor's estimate of the required ditch work, diversion, and any potential screening. The cost is \$7000.00, which is well within the liquid assets of existing bank accounts. I am also full-time employed at the same company for the last 18 years. This development work presents no financial hardship, and estimated variable costs are negligible.

Assuming that approval is received in a reasonable time frame, I expect to start the ditch development work in 2008, and should have the system functional by no later than Spring 2009.

Detailed responses to the requested information are provided below.

c. A detailed diversion and re-entry plan has been provided to your office. The property is owned by the applicant for all points of use, diversion, and re-entry.

A list of potential users on the Hughes Creek drainage, derived from an on-line data search of the idwr.idaho.gov website, is attached.

d. Water will be used for irrigation from 3/15 to 11/15 each year at a flow rate of 0.23 cfs. .

Hughes Creek has more than sufficient supply to appropriate this water without adversely impacting other users or habitat. Low water flow was measured and estimated on 8/25/2007 at the West Fork road culvert at 8.0 cfs.

e. The U.S. Forest Service has an easement at the property boundary for F.S. road number 091. This road does not encroach on the irrigation ditch plan and has no relevance to the water appropriation.

f. A quotation for the constructing the irrigation ditches, diversions, and re-entry points, including any necessary screening, has been received from a contractor. The total estimate is \$7000.00, and this amount is available in existing savings accounts and presents no financial burden.

g. Satisfactory comments and responses have been received from both the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Copies of these responses should be on file at your office.

Thank you, and best regards,



Terry R. Lee

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Information for type: Recommendation

	Record	Basin	Sequence	Suffix	Version	Basis	Status	Priority Date	Diversion Rate	Source List	
Details	13	75	4058		1	Beneficial Use	Active	1901-08-02	0.69	HUGHES CREEK	I
Related Documents											
General Provision											
Details	14	75	7273		1	License	Active	1981-10-22	1.47	HUGHES CREEK	M
Related Documents											
General Provision											
Details	15	75	7300		1	License	Active	1982-06-21	0.06	HUGHES CREEK	I S
Related Documents											
General Provision											
Details	16	75	10530		1	Beneficial Use	Active	1885-12-31	0.27	HUGHES CREEK	I S
Related Documents											
General Provision											
Details	17	75	10536		1	Beneficial Use	Active	1887-12-31	0.16	HUGHES CREEK	I
Related Documents											
General Provision											
Details	18	75	10602		1	Beneficial Use	Active	1887-12-31	0.26	HUGHES CREEK	I
Related Documents											
General Provision											
Details	19	75	14132		1	Beneficial Use	Active	1912-04-01	0.88	HUGHES CREEK	I
Pedigree											
Related Documents											
General Provision											
Details	20	75	14291		1	Beneficial	Active	1912-04-01	0.2	HUGHES	I
Related Documents											

General Provision						Use				CREEK	
Details											
Pedigree											
Related Documents	21	75	14338		1	Beneficial Use	Active	1912-04-01	0.07	HUGHES CREEK	I
General Provision											
Details											
Pedigree											
Related Documents	22	75	14339		1	Beneficial Use	Active	1912-04-01	0.14	HUGHES CREEK	I
General Provision											
Details											
Pedigree											
Related Documents	23	75	14380		1	Reserved	Active	1906-11-05	0.01	HUGHES CREEK RANGER STATION SPRING	I
General Provision											

Information for type: Application

	Record	Basin	Sequence	Suffix	Version	Basis	Status	Priority Date	Diversion Rate	Source List	Water Right
Details											
Related Documents	24	75	14314				Active	2006-08-01	0.23	HUGHES CREEK	IRRIG
General Provision											

Information for type: Statutory Claim, Decree and License

	Record	Basin	Sequence	Suffix	Version	Basis	Status	Priority Date	Diversion Rate	Source List	Water Right
Details											
Related Documents	25	75	4058			Statutory Claim	Active	1901-08-02	0.69	HUGHES CREEK	IF
General Provision											
Details											
Related Documents	26	75	4059			Statutory Claim	Active	1912-10-09	0.89	HUGHES CREEK	IF
General Provision											
Details											
Related Documents	27	75	4060			Statutory	Active	1912-10-09	1.01	HUGHES	IF

Dahle Construction

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Terry,

Thank you for allowing Dahle Construction to provide you with an estimate on your irrigation project.

The project estimates are 7000' of ditching and 6 creek diversions.

Total price for the project is \$7000.00. Price does not include any permits.

If you have any question please give us a call at (208) 756-3241.

Sincerely,
Charles LaMoure