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Re: French Creek (Smid) Micro-hydropower project

Dear Chuck and Richard:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) sent the attached comments for the French Creek Micro-hydro project. IDEQ does not object to the 2.0 cfs diversion as long as beneficial uses are not impaired and the flow is adequate to sustain existing aquatic life.

Dr. Cole indicates that lower French Creek has not been assessed by IDEQ and references the report that IDEQ prepares every few years for USEPA on the quality of the State's rivers and lakes. French Creek is specifically listed in the report to USEPA as not having been assessed, which may mean that IDEQ will assess French Creek in the future. IDEQ does not request that the Smids conduct a beneficial use impact assessment or other biological and hydrological evaluations as a condition to approval of the appropriation request.

I will include a narrative of the listed beneficial uses of Lower French Creek in my report on the potential of frazil ice impacts at the project. I see no additional concerns raised by IDEQ that need to be addressed in our information submittal to IDWR.

IDEQ sent Keith Franklin at IDWR in Coeur d'Alene a copy of the letter. I will send a copy to Dan Nelson at IDWR in Boise.

Sincerely,

Gregg N. Teasdale, Ph.D., P.E.

cc: Dan Nelson, IDWR-Boise

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