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January 24, 2007

Mr. James Campbell
PO Box 1978
McCall, ID 83638-1978

RE: Water Right Application 77-7161

Dear Mr. Campbell,

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DEQ has received your information and request for our comments on the approval of your application to draw water from Lemhi Creek, Idaho County. Assuming all federal, state and local permits have been obtained, regulations met, and reviews completed, we offer the following comments.

1. In the Idaho Water Quality Standards, the Lemhi Creek water body identification number is ID17060207SL011_02 (IDAPA 58.01.02.130.09). Lemhi Creek is listed in section 3 of the 2002 Integrated Report and is not assessed.
2. There are currently no flow based pollutant load allocations that would be affected by reduced flow.
3. Flow data for Lemhi Creek is not included with the request for comment; therefore, DEQ cannot determine if removal of 2.0 cfs will impact existing aquatic life beneficial uses.
4. In order to protect and maintain aquatic life beneficial uses, stream flow adequate to sustain existing aquatic life needs to be maintained (IDAPA 58.01.02.100.01). We recommend that stream flow be maintained at a level suitable to protect and maintain that aquatic life during the withdrawal and at no time should the stream be allowed to go dry as a result of legally appropriated and allowable water withdrawals.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your application. If you have any questions regarding the Idaho Water Quality Standards or the conditions listed above, please call us at (208) 799-4370.

Sincerely,

Kerby M. Cole, P.E.
Regional Administrator

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