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RE: Application for Permit 77-14145

Dear Mr Nelson

You recently requested additional information regarding the University of Idaho's request to utilize a portion of the water already appropriated by State Water Right #77-02219 for the purpose of generating 750 watts of electricity at the Taylor Ranch in Valley County.

The water diverted for purposes of irrigation since 1948 at Taylor Ranch has been generating electricity in the diversion stream since the mid-1990's. The power generation and use occur exclusively on University of Idaho property and all water that is generating electricity for the buildings at UI's Taylor Ranch is returned directly to Pioneer Creek, if it is not subsequently used for pasture irrigation or domestic use as provided by the original water right #77-02219.

I have requested comments on the effects of this additional use be forwarded directly to you from the Division of Environmental Quality and the Department of Fish & Game. Once you have reviewed, please contact me regarding the University's next steps in establishing the appropriate status for its previously established water right. You can reach me at the address above, phone me at 208-885-6468, or email me at gerardb@uidaho.edu.

Sincerely,



Gerard Billington
Real Estate Officer

C: Richard Bottger, Director Administrative Services, UI College of Natural Resources