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Denise Buffington
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise 83705-5082

Re: Treasure Valley YMCA Application for Permit Identification No. 65-23071 for Horsethief Creek

Dear Denise:

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Department) has reviewed the Application for Permit 65-23071, submitted by the Treasure Valley YMCA (YMCA) to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho from Horsethief Creek in Valley County. The total quantity to be appropriated per annum is 0.48 cubic feet per second and 0.61 acre feet per annum in support of the Horsethief YMCA Camp. The point of diversion will be within Horsethief Reservoir, which is owned and operated by the Department.

The Department has no objections to the application as requested. The YMCA and the Department have agreed to enter in to a memorandum of understanding, which is currently in review. Specifically, as related to this application and subject to any other applicable permits, the Department will allow the YMCA to install the following water supply system components:

- Water intake structure within the reservoir
- Carrier pipe with electric-powered submersible pumps on the bottom of the reservoir
- Pump discharge carrier pipe buried within the 50-foot shoreline strip of land owned by the Department

The Department estimates that there would be a negligible impact to reservoir pool levels for water withdrawals at the rate requested by the YMCA. However, in order to preclude any significant impacts to operation of the reservoir for the benefit of recreational fishing and boating opportunities, the Department may be expected to protest any future requests for additional withdrawals. If you have any questions or additional information needs, please contact Jerry Deal or Eric Leitzinger at 465-8465.

Sincerely,

Scott Reinecker
Southwest Regional Supervisor

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CC: Treasure Valley YMCA
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