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November 14, 2006

James E. Risch/Governor
Steven M. Huffaker/Director

W. Roger Warner
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Re: Water Right Application No. 75-14329 (Baldree)

Dear Roger,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the application from Joseph Baldree for a water right from Williams Creek to irrigate 10 acres. Mr. Baldree claims to have irrigated the property since the 1970s and aerial photos from 1978 support his claim. We have no objection to the permit issuance, even though Williams Creek is fully appropriated, since the request is based on use that has been occurring for almost 3 decades and will not change current flow conditions of Williams Creek. However, the requested diversion rate (0.20 cfs) appears to be in excess of what is required. During our conversation, Mr. Baldree indicated he intended to sprinkle irrigate 7 acres of land, not 10 acres as identified in his application. Therefore, we suggest 0.14 cfs should be adequate to irrigate 7 acres.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Lukens".

James R. Lukens
Regional Supervisor

cc: Dane Cook
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