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November 15, 2006

Mr. Joseph Baldree  
318 Williams Creek Road  
Salmon, Idaho 83467

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RE: DEQ comments on Water Rights Application 75-14329

Department of Water Resources  
Eastern Region

Dear Mr. Baldree:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") has reviewed our existing water quality information near your proposed project site identified in Application 75-14329.

The Department recommends you screen your diversion according to local Fish and Game specifications and minimize and sediment inputs into the system while maintaining your diversion.

The Department is concerned about flow alteration of Williams Creek. Flow alteration of a stream through diversions or other uses of the water can have impacts on stream health. For this reason the Department cannot make a determination concerning the future overall health of the stream if this water right is granted.

We do not have any other substantive comments at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 208.528.2650 for additional information we may be able to provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Saffle", is written over a horizontal line.

Troy Saffle  
Regional Water Quality Manager  
Idaho Falls Regional Office

c: Doug Conde, DAG  
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Roger Warner, IDWR

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