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January 17, 2007

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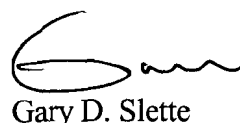
RE: Application No. 71-7170 – Jon & Wei Christianson

Dear Mary:

With regard to the above-referenced application, enclosed please find copies of letters from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and DEQ for your reference and files in the matter.

Please contact me with any questions or comments you may have regarding these enclosures. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Gary D. Slette

cc: Jon Christianson

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JAMES E. RISCH, GOVERNOR
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December 27, 2006

Jon and Wei Christianson
YHC 64 Box 9958
Stanley, Idaho 83278

RE: DEQ comments on Water Rights Application 71-7170

Dear Jon and Wei Christianson:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has reviewed your application and any of our existing water quality information near your proposed project site identified in Application 71-7170.

The water right applied for is not immediately adjacent to any impaired waterbodies whose beneficial uses may be affected by flow alteration caused by your potential water right. However, even minor flow alteration can have impacts on downstream health. For this reason the Department cannot make a determination concerning the future overall health of the downstream gradient streams if this water right is granted. However, because this application seeks to use water previously licensed, the cumulative impacts are already accounted for when evaluating basin wide cumulative impacts.

The Department does not have any additional comments at this time and believes this letter is sufficient to allow the Department of Water Resources to complete their review of your water rights application.

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".

Troy Saffle

Regional Water Quality Manager
Idaho Falls Regional Office

cc: Roger Warner, IDWR

Harriet Hensley, DAG

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James E. Risch/Governor
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December 5, 2006

Allen Merritt
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Re: Water Right Application No. 71-7170 (Christianson)

Dear Allen,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the application from Jon and Wei Christianson for 0.3 cfs of Salmon River water near Obsidian, Idaho to irrigate 15 acres. As described in the application, it appears that the withdrawal will be from the existing S-42 diversion. This ditch already has a fish screen, the additional withdrawal will not negatively impact fish or aquatic resources and we do not oppose permit issuance.

Thank you for 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: Cindy Robertson
Walt Poole
Brian Reeves
Bob Foster
Shelley Keen
Jon and Wei Christianson

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