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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
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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 down 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 and 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,

Troy Saffle
Regional Water Quality Manager
Idaho Falls Regional Office

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