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November 15, 2006

Ms. Betsy Rieffenberger
USFS
1206 Challis St.
Salmon, Idaho 83467

RE: DEQ comments on Water Rights Application 75-14335

Dear Ms. Rieffenberger:

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 75-14335.

The ground 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 of groundwater can have impacts on down gradient stream 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.

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 "T. Saffle", written over a horizontal line.

Troy Saffle
Regional Water Quality Manager
Idaho Falls Regional Office

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