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State of Idaho
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in regards to Case #72-16702.

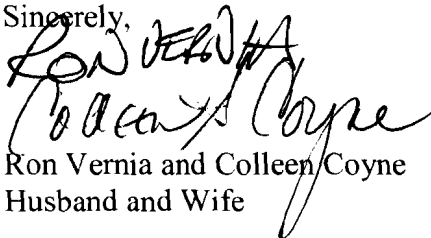
We have contacted the Department of Environmental Quality and Idaho Fish and Game seeking their input as to our application for a permit to appropriate water from the East Fork of the Salmon and have received their written blessing. We are including a brief description as to the workings of the distribution of water from the screened head gate (diversion) and through the system of ditches to the users. We have been told by Brent Brunker, our upstream neighbor who is our water master, that our water rights date back to the early 1880's. We currently all share in the maintenance and cleaning of our system as well as any cost incurred. We all respect our granted allocation and do not abuse this privilege.

When our application is approved our intent is to grow grass hay for a small number of horses. Additionally, we will be adding to the feed source for our local fauna.

Colleen and I are very environmentally aware and we will be good stewards of the land.

Thank you very much this opportunity.

Sincerely,


Ron Vernia and Colleen Coyne
Husband and Wife