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July 13, 2006

Allen Merritt
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Re: Permit Application No. 72-16702 (Coyne)

Dear Allen,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the above application for water withdrawal from the East Fork Salmon River. The Department believes that the application will not negatively impact fish or aquatic resources and is not opposed to the permit issuance. However, we request that if the application is approved, the applicant contact the Idaho Anadromous Fish Screen Program (756-6022) so that it can be determined if the diversion is properly screened to prevent entrainment of juvenile fish.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

James R. Lukens
Regional Supervisor

cc: Cindy Robertson
Walt Poole
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