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Mr. Ron Vernia
Ms. Colleen Coyne
PO Box 2062
Ketchum, Idaho 83340

RE: Water Rights Application Comments

Dear Mr. Vernia and Ms. Coyne:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") has reviewed our existing water quality information near your proposed project site identified in Application 72-16702.

The Department has not conducted any biological sampling in the vicinity of your diversion. However, given the size of your diversion compared to flow in that area, the Department does not believe your diversion has any negative impacts on the East Fork of the Salmon River.

The Department also suggests your headgate be screened according to local Fish and Game specifications.

We do not have any other substantive comments at this time.

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

c: Shelly Keen, IDWR
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