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July 14, 2006

Allen Merritt  
Idaho Department of Water Resources  
1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380

Re: Water Right Application No. 7216699 (Bullock)

Dear Allen,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the above application from Mr. And Mrs. Bullock for a ground water right south of Challis Creek. The applicants are requesting 0.72 cfs to irrigate 36 acres and 0.04 and 0.02 cfs, respectively, for domestic and stock water use. The property identified for irrigation appears to be located on a ridge separating Challis Creek from springs which flow to the Salmon River. It is our desire that this water right not impact flows in the Challis Creek watershed as Challis Creek supports several ESA listed fish species. We request, to the extent practicable, that the proposed wells be located near the southern property boundary to utilize water from Salmon River groundwater rather than Challis Creek groundwater. We have no other concerns associated with this application.

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

Sincerely,

James R. Lukens  
Regional Supervisor

cc: Cindy Robertson  
Walt Poole  
Mark Armbruster  
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