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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
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Allen Merritt
Idaho Department of Water Resources
1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380

Re: Water Right Application No. 72-7529 (Hurless)

Dear Allen,

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the above application for water withdrawal from the main Salmon River near Clayton. The applicant proposes pumping approximately 0.04 cfs from the river to sprinkle 2 acres of land during irrigation season. This level of water withdrawal will not negatively impact fish or aquatic resources; therefore we are 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 the pump intake can be 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
Merritt Horsmon
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Dana C. Hurless