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June 29, 2006

Mr. J.R. Challis
Challis Creek Ranch, LLC
P.O. Box 1220
Challis, Idaho 83226

RE: Water Rights Application Comments

Dear Mr. Challis:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") has reviewed our existing water quality information near your proposed project site identified in Application 72-16686.

The Department drafted a sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Challis Creek which was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2003. This TMDL recommended a 34% reduction in sediment delivery to the stream from land use activities. Because you have installed your ponds and fish screens according to state specifications, the Department does not believe your water right or its use will negatively impact Challis Creek's beneficial uses or increase sediment delivery to the stream.

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

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