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RE: Applications to Appropriate Water in the Salmon River Drainage
No. 72-7579 (Storage for Wildlife) & No. 72-7580 (Commercial Cooling, Diversion to Storage &
Storage for Wildlife)

Dear Applicants:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is reviewing your application to appropriate water from Warm Spring Creek for the purposes summarized above.

As you may know the Director rescinded the various moratoriums in the Salmon River Drainage that have been in place in one form or another since 1992. IDWR is now allowed to process applications subject to the Wild and Scenic Agreement between the state and the federal government. The processing of your permit is pursuant to Water Appropriation Rules (IDAPA 37.03.08).

To ensure that IDWR has sufficient information to evaluate applications in the Salmon River Drainage you are **required** to augment your application with additional information. The enclosed sheet describes what additional information is needed. It also sets forth the time frame in which you **must** respond and also has important contact information where information needs to be sought.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office or contact Shelley Keen at 208-287-4947 in our state office.

Sincerely,

Allen Merritt, PE
Southern Region Manager

Enclosure