



State of Idaho

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Re: Application for Permit No. 78-12245 in the Name of Raymond Stoltey

Dear Protestant:

This office acknowledges receipt of your protest to the issuance of a permit pursuant to the above referenced application.

The following are the criteria the department must consider in either approving or denying an application for permit (Section 42-203A, Idaho Code):

1. Will the proposed use reduce the quantity of water under existing water rights?
2. Is the proposed water supply insufficient for the purposes intended?
3. Is the application made in good faith or for delay or speculative purposes?
4. Has the applicant sufficient financial resources with which to complete the project?
5. Will the proposed use under this permit conflict with the local public interest?
6. Will the proposed use be contrary to conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho?

Enclosed is a Notice of Prehearing Conference scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2006 at the New Meadows Library, New Meadows, Idaho 83654. At the conference, the department will review possibilities for resolution of the protest. If the matter cannot be resolved at that time, a formal hearing will be arranged for a future date.

The department suggests you contact the applicant(s) directly in an effort to determine what is proposed by the application and to attempt to resolve the protest prior to the prehearing conference. Direct, sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve a protest.

If this office can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor

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Encl: Copy of Application
Notice of Prehearing Conference