

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 23, 2006
To: Water Right File 75-14265
From: scox
Re: Evaluation Memorandum

The Purposes:

The applicant is applying for an irrigation right for .06 cfs. This system will be used to irrigate with 3 sprinklers, a 2 to 3 acres parcel of property located approximately 200 feet from the river. This ground has been seeded with 150 lbs of pasture grass and 180 pine and quaking aspens. These measures are efforts to control soil erosion, dust abatement, fire suppression and Knapp weed. The pasture will compliment the Salmon River Corridor.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

None, the Salmon River is regulated by a Watermaster and should only be delivered according to priority date only when there is enough water to fill that priority date. Salmon River is not fully over appropriated at this time.

Local Public Interest:

The City of Salmon has no comment at this time.

IDEQ believes there is no negative impacts on the Salmon River, but DEQ does recommend some type of screen to prevent an accidental entrapping of aquatic species and debris in pump.

IDFG believes there will not be any negative impact on fish or aquatic resources and does not oppose this project, but requests that they put a screen on the pump to prevent juvenile fish into the water system.

What about sufficiency of water supply, delay or speculation, financial resources and the local economy?

Sufficiency or Delay: This project is approx \$2000.00, which is affordable for most households.

Financial Resources: The applicant states that this project will cost approx \$2058.96

Local Interest: Letters sent by IDEQ, IDFG and Lemhi County.

Review of this application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-203A(5), Idaho Code and Rule 45 of the Water Appropriation Rules preventing processing of this application.