

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 23, 2006
To: Water Right File 75-14272
From: scox
Re: Evaluation Memorandum

The Purposes:

The applicant is applying for power generation for personal use of .75 cfs from Beaver Creek a tributary of Panther Creek. This power system is already in place and has been for a number of years. The water at the head of the pipeline is collected in a small pond and after the water passes through the hydro plant, it is routed back into Panther Creek.

The applicant also filled out an "Affidavit for Water Rights to be used for Power Purposes". This was signed and notarized.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

None, because the use is entirely nonconsumptive, and the water is returned to Beaver Creek for downstream use.

Local Public Interest:

IDFG and IDEQ have submitted comments to IDWR.

IDFG feels there is no significant effect to Beaver Creek.

IDEQ feels there also are no negative impacts on the stream or on downstream waterbodies.

The City of Salmon also commented on this application and feels there is no comment needed.

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

This system is in production already for a number of years. As far as financial resources, this system has been used for years, so there is no financial burden anticipated. The applicant contacted the City of Salmon, but they had no comment. There is no local public interest with this being so remote.

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.