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Dirk Kempthorne, Governor
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May 25, 2006

Mr. Bill Oldham
PO Box 1427
Salmon, Idaho 83467

RE: Water Rights Application Comments

Dear Mr. Oldham:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") has reviewed our existing water quality information near your proposed project site identified in Application 75-14265.

The Department has not conducted any biological sampling in the vicinity of your diversion. However, given the size of your diversion compared to flow in that area, the Department does not believe your diversion has any negative impacts on the Salmon River.

While the intake on your pump is small, the Department still recommends some type of screen to prevent the accidental entrapping of aquatic species and debris in the pump.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Saffle", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Troy Saffle

Regional Water Quality Manager
Idaho Falls Regional Office

c: Shelly Keen, IDWR

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