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WATER RESOURCES

Dirk Kempthorne / Governor
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May 18, 2006

Mr Billy Mayer
Box 37A
Kooskia, Idaho 83539

Dear Mr. Mayer:

RE: Water Right Application 81-11986.

IDFG has reviewed your application to Idaho Department of Water Resources to withdraw 0.14 cfs from Middle Fork Clearwater River for fire protection year round and for irrigation of 7 acres from mid-March to mid-November. In addition to providing a copy of your application, you discussed the proposed activity with us by phone. You plan to withdraw the water from the river using a pump located at approximately Milepost 86.4 of Route 12.

IDFG does not anticipate that your proposed withdrawal of 0.14 cfs will have a significant effect on flows in the Middle Fork Clearwater at or below the point of diversion. We do not anticipate that the proposed withdrawal will adversely impact fish, wildlife or habitat. As long as all other necessary state and federal permits have been obtained (e.g., permit to install pump and water line from Idaho Department of Lands), we have no objection to your application.

Note, however, that water intakes should be screened to prevent entrainment or impingement of fish (Idaho Code 36-906 b). The maximum screen mesh size should be 0.25 inches; approach velocities should not exceed 0.5 ft/second to prevent losses of juvenile fish.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your application. Please contact Ray Hennekey at the Lewiston Fish and Game office (208) 799-5010 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cal Groen
Clearwater Regional Supervisor

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