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Dirk Kempthorne/Governor
Steven M. Huffaker/Director

May 16, 2006

Carla J. Bevan
531 Panther Creek Rd.
Shoup, ID 83469

Re: Water Right Application 75-14272

Dear Carla,

Thank you for providing our staff a tour of your Beaver Creek hydro system. My staff advises that the system will have a negligible effect on Beaver Creek flows. Current screening and bypass measures appear sufficient to adequately protect juvenile fish that may be entrained into the system. Under the current diversion design it appears that few fish would be entrained due to water withdrawal perpendicular to the stream flow. Therefore, we are not opposed to the issuance of this permit.

In the future, if the diversion structure is changed, the Department would be willing to provide technical advice to ensure that the diversion and screen structure remain fish friendly.

We appreciate the opportunity to tour your facility, review this application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Lukens".

James R. Lukens
Regional Supervisor

cc: Cindy Robertson
Shelley Keen
Bob Foster