

21-Jul-1992

BILL GATTUNG
RT 1 BOX 243A
SALMON ID 83467

RE: Application for Water Right No. 75-7588

Dear Mr. Gattung:

In response to record low streamflows and declining groundwater levels resulting from drought conditions, the Director of the Department of Water Resources has declared a moratorium on approval on certain pending and future applications to appropriate water in the Salmon River Basin. The moratorium applies to both surface water and groundwater appropriations.

Department records show that you filed an application to appropriate water for irrigation which has not been approved by the Department. Unless you can demonstrate that your proposal qualifies for a narrow exemption to the moratorium, the department will hold your application, and will not process it until the moratorium is lifted.

The enclosed form requests information which will determine whether your proposed use will qualify for the supplemental irrigation exemption. IF YOU FEEL YOUR PROPOSED USE QUALIFIES AS AN EXEMPT USE, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE. If the form is not completed and returned, your application will be held without action. If you return the form but the use does not qualify, the Department will notify you that the application will be held without further processing.

If your application is approved, it will only be good for use until November 1, 1992. The permit would terminate on that date and the well would not be authorized for use unless the drought conditions potentially persist and your surface water source is again depleted before the end of a season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,


HAROLD W. JONES
Water Right Supervisor

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