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Re: Beneficial Use Exams for Big Sky Partnership (Don McFarland)
Permit Nos. 63-9672, 63-11513 and 63-11514

Dear Chuck:

This letter addresses recent Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) concerns for several water permits held by your client. I understand you are working on completing the beneficial use exams to help IDWR license the permits.

Lori Graves sent you a letter early last month requesting that the exam reports be completed and submitted by September 1 of this year. She and I had discussed that deadline, which seemed reasonable as recently as last month. Please recall that an adjudication claim for 63-9672 should accompany the exams since that permit has not been claimed in the adjudication. Alternately, the owner could relinquish Permit 63-9672 if it is no longer needed.

However, department administrators have communicated a new sense of urgency to IDWR staff. We have been directed to complete exams for licensing purposes to support numerous adjudication deadlines throughout this year. This new emphasis became effective after Lori sent her last letter to you. Therefore, IDWR must advance the deadline in this matter.

Please submit completed beneficial use exams to this office, together with either an adjudication claim for or relinquishment of Permit 63-9672, by June 15, 2005. Significant adverse impacts will be unavoidable in the licensing and adjudication processes without timely completion of the exams.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter. Please contact Lori or me at 208-334-2190 if you need any assistance.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor