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Re: Application to Appropriate Water no.

Dear Applicant:

The records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (the Department) show that you filed an application to appropriate water no. _____ with the Department proposing diversion of water from a water source in the Salmon River Basin or the Clearwater River Basin. In April 1993, a moratorium order signed by the Director of the Department prohibited processing and approval of most new permits to appropriate water proposing to divert and use water from surface water sources in the Salmon River and Clearwater River Basins. In October 1999, a second moratorium order signed by the Director of the Department prohibited processing and approval of most new permits to appropriate water proposing to divert and use water from surface water and ground water sources within and upstream of designated wilderness areas in the Salmon River and Clearwater River Basins. Recently, the Director of the Department issued an order rescinding both moratoriums.

Enclosed is the order titled *Order Rescinding Salmon-Clearwater Basin Moratorium and Wilderness Moratorium*. The order directs Department staff to begin processing applications to appropriate water that were held during the moratoriums. Applications will be processed in the approximate order of the Department's receipt of the applications. A reasonable number of applications will be processed each month considering other duties assigned to Department staff. A document attached to the order titled "Statement of Available Procedures and Applicable Time Limits" explains possible actions you might take should you disagree with the order.

Because of the passage of time since you filed your application for permit to appropriate water, ownership of land, desire to use water, or other circumstances may have changed. **This letter requests that you inform the Department in writing, at the address in the letterhead, of your continuing interest in applying for a permit to appropriate water. This letter is a request for additional information under Idaho Code § 42-204. If the requested written statement of continuing interest is not received by the Department within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, the Department will assume you are no longer interested in**

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applying for a permit to appropriate water, and will void your application pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-204. If you wish to voluntarily withdraw your application, please complete the enclosed withdrawal form and return it to this office.

If you have questions, please call the Department at (208)287-4952.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gary Spackman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and last name "Spackman" clearly distinguishable.

Gary Spackman, Chief
Water Allocations Bureau

Enclosures (2)