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Dear Janice:

Enclosed you will find a legal notice which we wish to have published in your newspaper on the dates indicated (once a week for two consecutive weekly issues).

If you cannot publish the notice on the proposed dates, please contact us immediately at 736-3033.

An affidavit of publication must be submitted to the Department along with the publication bill. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely

Mary A. Baldwin
Administrative Assistant

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Transfer has been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights within Custer County: **THOMPSON CREEK MINING CO., PO BOX 62; CLAYTON ID 83227 filed Application No. 71264** on 10/29/2004. Transfer proposes to modify right 72-7193 currently authorized to divert 20.89 cfs (1600 afa) from the Salmon River. Currently the right is diverted using pumps in the Salmon River near the mouth of Thompson Creek where water is pumped to the Thompson Creek Mine for industrial purposes. The proposed modification is to add diversion points to right 72-7193 on tributary streams to the Salmon River to allow water to be pumped at times from Buckskin Creek (8.0 cfs), Pat Hughes Creek (11.0 cfs) and Springs (0.2 cfs) that are all tributary to Thompson Creek. These additional points of diversion are closer to the mine and will allow better control of potential runoff and seepage from the mine site to improve water quality and lessen impacts to the Salmon River. Additionally the application identifies the place where water is stored in detention and tailings dams that are utilized in the mining process and are already part of the existing right. For specific details regarding the application, please contact IDWR Southern Regional Office at 208-736-3033 or visit www.idwr.state.id.us with detail provided under "New Water Right Applications". Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Protests against approval must be filed with IDWR, Southern Region, 1341 Fillmore St.-Suite 200; Twin Falls, ID 83301 with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before January 4, 2005. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

Karl J. Dreher, Director

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