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VIA EMAIL - KirbyJ@ida.net

RE: Reasonable Pumping Levels for Big Lost River Basin

Dear Kirby:

I received your letter of October 15, 2012 regarding the potential to establish reasonable ground water pumping levels in the Big Lost River basin. It appears from your letter that you believe the establishment and maintenance of reasonable pumping levels would better protect senior appropriators, presumably from having to deepen wells or increase lifts. The utility of establishing reasonable pumping levels for the purpose of maintaining historic pumping levels is complex to determine. Perhaps the most effective course of action would be to schedule a meeting to discuss exactly what you hope to achieve and whether reasonable pumping levels could play a part. Then, if it appears that this is something to pursue, we can discuss how to proceed.

I spoke with Garrick Baxter, a Deputy AG in our office, and Tim Luke of IDWR regarding this and the three of us would be willing to meet with you to discuss this. I feel a face-to-face meeting in Boise would be best as we would be able to review maps, and have access to water right records, etc. However, I realize it is a long drive, so we could do a telephone conference if you prefer.

Please let me know when a convenient time would be to meet. You can call me at 208-287-4956, or email at Nick.Miller@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Nick Miller
IDWR Water Distribution Section Manager

cc: Tim Luke, Garrick Baxter