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Groundwater and Environmental Engineering

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Subject: McCall River Ranch Company Application for Permit

Dear Lori:

This letter provides a partial response to the items in your letter of July 22, 2001.

**Item 1 – Original Form.** I suspect that you have the form with the original signature. The forms in my files are copies. However, it is possible that the form sent to me by the applicant was a copy. Take another look at the signature. If you are sure it is a copy, I can arrange for the form to be signed again.

**Item 2 – Company Officers.** I have enclosed a list of company officers for McCall River Ranch Company.

**Item 3 – Lake Irrigation District Water Right Transfer.** We question whether a transfer of the Lake Irrigation District water right is necessary for this project. Our reasons are listed below.

1. The applicant proposes to take delivery of Lake Irrigation District water into these ponds and pump the water from the ponds for irrigation purposes. The ponds will be maintained throughout the non-irrigation season in a full condition from the groundwater source, so that Lake Irrigation District water will not be needed for pond filling at the beginning of the irrigation season. We believe that if the ponds are maintained in a filled condition at the beginning of the irrigation season, then any storage of the Lake Irrigation District will be short-term (i.e., meeting the Department's 24-hour criteria).
2. Very little Irrigation District water will be lost to seepage from the ponds because the ponds will be lined. Any losses should be considered reasonable conveyance loss associated with the irrigation delivery system.
3. Water diverted from the groundwater source will be adequate to offset annual evaporation losses. The applicant can add groundwater to the pond system during the irrigation season if necessary for this purpose.
4. Some currently irrigated land within the Irrigation District will be removed from irrigation through construction of ponds, roads, and homes associated with the project. However, the

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irrigated area within the District will not necessarily change, as the District water can be used to irrigate new lands inside the District boundaries (including new lands within the McCall River Ranch project area).

5. If the applicant desires to use surface water for initial filling of the ponds after construction, the surface water can be obtained through the District 65 Rental Pool.

We are confident that the Lake Irrigation District will support our Application for Permit, and we can ask them for written comment if necessary.

**Large Diversion Information.** The large diversion information requested is being prepared. For clarification purposes, please note the following.

- **Local Public Interest.** As discussed in our telephone conversation, we plan to send you a comment letter from the City of McCall rather than from Valley County because the project is located within the McCall city limits.
- **Good Faith, Delay, or Speculative Purposes.** The project has received Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Plat Approval from the City of McCall. Copies of the approval documents will be forwarded to your office as evidence that the project is proposed in good faith.

We anticipate that we will be able to provide large diversion information within the next several weeks. In the meantime, we look forward to your response regarding the need for a water right transfer.

Sincerely,



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