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Mr. Don Heffner
4811 Montour Road
Emmett, ID 83617

RE: PAYETTE RIVER DIVERSION

Dear Mr. Heffner:

During the fall of 1992, department staff conducted an inventory of Payette River diversions to assist the Watermaster of Water District No. 65 in regulating water uses from the river as required by Idaho law.

A pumping system that apparently belongs to you was found in Government Lot 4 (SWNE), Section 21, T7N, R1E. No valid water right for this diversion can be identified in records kept by this agency. Without a valid water right, pumping of water from the river must be considered an illegal diversion subject to curtailment as described by Section 42-351, *Idaho Code*.

You can protect the use of this diversion by filing an *Application for Permit* to obtain a new water right. Please see the partially completed application enclosed for your convenience. The items to complete are circled. Note that an application fee should accompany the completed and signed form (refer to the instructions, also enclosed).

An application or other documentation of valid water right coverage should be received at this office within ten days of the date of this letter to avoid additional complications in this matter. Please contact me at 334-2190 if I can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Mark Limbaugh, Payette River Watermaster