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DEPARTMENT OF WATERRESOURCES

May 31, 2007

Mr. Tim Luke State of Idaho Dept. of Water Resources Water Distribution Section 322 E. Front Street Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

### VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Plans and topo map for measuring devices and control works (with fish screens) in Administrative Basin 71 for diversions on Goat Creek and Meadow Creek in the Stanley Basin

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In reference to the above, enclosed please find documentation of the plans for measuring devices and controlling works for diversions pertaining to the water rights of Jack B. Furey and the heirs of the late Louis F. Racine, Jr. (whose last name may be incorrectly spelled "Recine" in some of the Department's records) from Goat Creek and Meadow Creek in the Stanley Basin. Additionally, I am enclosing correspondence from Mr. Lynn Stratton, Screen Program Coordinator for the Anadromous Fish Screen Program of Idaho Fish and Game, Salmon office, to Ms. Sara Baldwin, Area Ranger of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area dated August 3, 2006. Among other things, this correspondence details the level of progress Idaho Fish and Game had made toward satisfaction of the SNRA's requirements for approval and issuance of the requisite Special Use Permit as of that date. ("All the environmental regulatory process has been concluded.") I am advised that these works are being processed at the SNRA with a view toward "CX" or categorical exclusion which would expedite the permitting process in that realm, although to the best of my knowledge the permits have not yet been issued at this writing.

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Terry Clark, SNRA



IDAHO FISH AND GAME ANADROMOUS FISH SCREEN PROGRAM 97 Hwv 93N / P.O. Box 1336 Salmon, Idaho 83467

James E. Risch /Governor Steve Huffaker/ Director

August 3, 2006

Sara E. Baldwin Area Ranger HC 64 Box 9900 Stanley, ID 83278

RE: Screen Project SVCGC-05/6

Dear Ranger Baldwin,

The Department of Fish and Game, in coordination with the irrigators of these diversions. intends to consolidate the SVCGC-05 and SVCGC-06 diversions, install a fish screen, head gate, and a short pipeline in order to improve fish passage in Goat Creek. All but a few feet of the pipeline would be placed upon private property. The headgate, diversion weir improvements, and the fish screen would be upon lands administered by the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). The project would be completed in accordance with the Criteria for Routine Certification of Water Diversion Fish Screens on Public and Private Lands within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The fish screen design is for a concrete structure housing a paddlewheel driven rotary drum screen placed in the ditch with a fish bypass pipe extending from the ditch to Goat Creek. The project will be jointly funded by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Columbia River Fisheries Development Program (CRFDP).

This project is subject to several Federal environmental regulations. All the environmental regulatory process has been concluded. This proposal work includes installation of a headgate control structure. The in-stream work associated with the headgate installation is exempt from 404 regulation under CFR33 323.4 (a)(3). The head gate and the fish screen structures installation requires consultation under the Endangered Species Act section 7 (a) (2). The CRFDP submitted a Biological Evaluation to National Marine Fisheries Service covering head gate and fish screen installation, operation, and maintenance. That Biological Evaluation (BE) document was reviewed by NMFS and the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) under Section 7 (a) (2). Both agencies issued opinions in accordance

with 50 CFR 402.14 (b) (1) determining there was not likely to be any adverse effect to the endangered species. There is no ending date on the ESA programmatic authorization. A cultural resource study was conducted by Claudia Walsworth M.A. in 2001 documented in Sawtooth Forest Report SW-01-2110. The survey site name was designated Goat Creek-04 in the report. Subsequently two additional diversions were located downstream and the number of the upper most diversion was renamed for Department purposes as SVCGC-06. The site was fully covered and the locations in the report are accurate notwithstanding the name change. The Idaho State Historical Preservation Office (ISHPO) has issued a letter concurring with the finding of the Section 106 evaluation and noting compliance with 36 CFR 800.4 (c), 800.5, and 800.9.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance can be completed in a number of manners. The CRFDP has a Category Exclusion for all fish screen projects, BPA has an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and corresponding Record of Decision for their Habitat Improvement Program (HIP) including a project such as this proposal, or the SNRA could perform the required NEPA. All work associated with this proposal can be covered by BPA via a Supplemental Analysis (SA) under the BPA HIP EIS.

Specifically the Department proposes the following:

Screen: The proposed screen will be a reinforced concrete structure tinted a color required by the SNRA driven by paddlewheels. A buried 10" PVC pipe will provide fish passage back to the stream from the fish screen. The structures will be back-filled and graded to minimize exposure. All steel materials will be painted matte chocolate brown. The exposed portion of the bypass pipe will also be painted matte brown.

Control Structure: The control structure would be fabricated from steel with a lockable, controllable gate meeting the requirements of Idaho Department of Water Resources. It would be backfilled and rock would be imported to armor the stream bank at the line of penetration.

Clearing: The concrete structure can be installed with minimal disturbance to the site. The headgate and new ditch section will require the removal of some trees. Many of the trees that need removed are beetle killed lodgepole pine trees. Some additional trees would also need to be removed in order to access the site from the subdivision road.

Access: The Department will access the sites for construction by using the Iron Creek Road to the Goat Creek Subdivision Road. Immediately upon crossing the Goat Creek culvert, a new road would be installed upon private property to the fish screen site. Approximately 50 feet of new road would be required outside the private property.

Re-vegetation: All disturbed soils will be re-seeded with SNRA approved seeds. Additional planting will be performed if required by the SNRA.

Timing: Following concurrence with SNRA to this proposal, the Department plans to install the screen structure in the fall of 2006 weather permitting. Projects of this size typically require four to six weeks to complete.

Copies of the ESA Biological Evaluation consultation documents were submitted to your office during the course of submitting work plans on previous projects. My staff would be happy to meet upon the project site to review the proposal. The Department looks forward to the completion of this resource project. If we can provide additional information or documentation please call me at 208-756-6022.

Sincerely,

Lynn Stratton

Screen Program Coordinator

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Cc: James Jones, IDFG Patrick Murphy, IDFG

Enclosure

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June 1, 2007

Terry Clark Jackie Richter Sawtooth National Forest/SNRA 2647 Kimberly Road East Twin Falls, ID 83301

Re: Form 299 Application for Special Use Permit for installation of HMS pursuant to mandate of February 20, 2007 Order of Idaho Department of Water Resources

Dear Mr. Clark and Ms. Richter:

Please be advised that I am counsel for Jack B. Furey, an owner in sole of certain water rights and also a co-owner as tenants in common of other water rights appurtenant to private lands located in the SNRA. I also own certain water rights appurtenant to private lands located in the SNRA. Please find enclosed for Jack B. Furey and for myself our Form 299 application for the SUP requisite to the installation of certain controlling works, metering devices and fish screens pursuant to the referenced Order of IDWR and correspondence from you office and that of Sara Baldwin, Area Ranger of the SNRA.

Please expedite whatever permitting process is applicable here, as I am advised by Mr. Stratton of the Idaho Fish and Game's Anadromous Fish Screen Program that his agency would like to let the necessary contracts and complete the installation(s) this summer. In fact, he had hoped to see that accomplished last summer. If you have any questions or require anything further in order to green light this installation project, please don't hesitate to call me.

Thank you.

encl:

Form 299 and attachments labeled "Furey-Racine 1 through 11," inclusive

cc:

Lynn Stratton Randy Budge Janell Racine Jack B. Furey

Tim Luke

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## APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITY SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES ON FEDERAL LANDS

FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 0596-0082

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### GENERAL INFORMATION ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS

This application will be used when applying for a right-of-way, permit, license, lease, or certificate for the use of Federal lands which lie within conservation system units and National Recreation or Conservation Areas as defined in the Alaska National Interest lands Conservation Act. Conservation system units include the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, National Wilderness Preservation System, and National Forest Monuments.

Transportation and utility systems and facility uses for which the application may be used are:

- Canals, ditches, flumes, laterals, pipes, pipelines, tunnels, and other systems for the transportation of water.
- Pipelines and other systems for the transportation of liquids other than water, including oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid and gaseous fuels, and any refined product produced therefrom.
- Pipelines, slurry and emulsion systems, and conveyor belts for transportation of solid materials.
- 4. Systems for the transmission and distribution of electric energy.
- Systems for transmission or reception of radio, television, telephone, telegraph, and other electronic signals, and other means of communications.
- 6. Improved right-of-way for snow machines, air cushion vehicles, and all-terrain
- Roads, highways, railroads, tunnels, tramways, airports, landing strips, docks, and other systems of general transportation.

This application must be filed simultaneously with each Federal department or agency requiring authorization to establish and operate your proposal.

in Alaska, the following agencies will help the applicant file an application and identify the other agencies the applicant should contact and possibly file with:

Department of Agriculture Regional Forester, Forest Service (USFS) Federal Office Building, P.O. Box 21628 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628 Telephone: (907) 586-7847 (or a local Forest Service Office)

Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Juneau Area Office Federal Building Annex 9109 Mendenhall Mall Road, Suite 5 Juneau, Alaska 99802 Telephone: (907) 586-7177

Department of the Interior **Bureau of Land Management** 222 West 7th Avenue P.O. Box 13 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599

Telephone: (907) 271-5477 (or a local BLM Office)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) Office of the Regional Director 1011 East Tudor Road Anchorage, Alaska 99503 Telephone: (907) 786-3440

National Park Service (NPA) Alaska Regional Office. 2225 Gambell St., Rm. 107 Anchorage, Alaska 99502-2892 Telephone: (907) 786-3440

Note - Fillings with any Interior agency may be filed with any office noted above or with the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, Regional Environmental Office, r P.O. Box 120, 1675 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 9513.

Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Alaska Region AAL-4, 222 West 7th Ave., Box 14 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7587 Telephone: (907) 271-5285

NOTE - The Department of Transportation has established the above cents filing point for agencies within that Department. Affected agencies are: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Coast Guard (USCG), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

### OTHER THAN ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS

Use of this form is not limited to National Interest Conservation Lands of Alaska

individual department/agencies may authorize the use of this form by applican for transportation and utility systems and facilities on other Pederal lands outsic those areas described above.

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(Items not listed are self-explanatory)

- 7 Attach preliminary site and facility construction plans. The responsible agency will provide instructions whenever specific plans are required.
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Application must be signed by the applicant or applicant's authorized representative.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, the application may be rejected.

### DATA COLLECTION STATEMENT

The Federal agencies collect this information from applicants requesting right-of way, permit, license, lease, or certification for the use of Federal lands. The Federal agencies use this information to evaluate the applicant's proposal. The public is obligated to submit this form if they wish to obtain permission to use Federal lands.

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### NOTICE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

This information is needed by the Forest Service to evaluate the requests to use National Forest System lands and manage those lands to protect natural resources, administer the use, and ensure public health and safety. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit. The authority for that requirement is provided by the Organic Act of 1897 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, which authorize the secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations for authorizing and managing National Forest System lands. These statutes, along with the Term Permit Act, National Forest Ski Area Permit Act, Granger-Thye Act, Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska Term Permit Act, Act of September 3, 1954, Wilderness Act, National Forest Roads and Trails Act, Act of November 16, 1973, Archeological Resources Protection Act, and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to november 19, 1919, Archaellegist resources in research Act, and Alaska Matienal Interest Estics Conservation Act, authorized the Secretary of Agriculture's regulations at 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B.

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## ORDER REQUIRING HEAD GATES AND MEASURING DEVICES IN WATER DISTRICT No. 178

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August 3, 2006

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RE: Screen Project SVCGC-05/6

Dear Ranger Baldwin,

The Department of Fish and Game, in coordination with the irrigators of these diversions, intends to consolidate the SVCGC-05 and SVCGC-06 diversions, install a fish screen, head gate, and a short pipeline in order to improve fish passage in Goat Creek. All but a few feet of the pipeline would be placed upon private property. The headgate, diversion weir improvements, and the fish screen would be upon lands administered by the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). The project would be completed in accordance with the Criteria for Routine Certification of Water Diversion Fish Screens on Public and Private Lands within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The fish screen design is for a concrete structure housing a paddlewheel driven rotary drum screen placed in the ditch with a fish bypass pipe extending from the ditch to Goat Creek. The project will be jointly funded by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Columbia River Fisheries Development Program (CRFDP).

This project is subject to several Federal environmental regulations. All the environmental regulatory process has been concluded. This proposal work includes installation of a headgate control structure. The in-stream work associated with the headgate installation is exempt from 404 regulation under CFR33 323.4 (a)(3). The head gate and the fish screen structures installation requires consultation under the Endangered Species Act section 7 (a) (2). The CRFDP submitted a Biological Evaluation to National Marine Fisheries Service covering head gate and fish screen installation, operation, and maintenance. That Biological Evaluation (BE) document was reviewed by NMFS and the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) under Section 7 (a) (2). Both agencies issued opinions in accordance

with 50 CFR 402.14 (b) (1) determining there was not likely to be any adverse effect to the endangered species. There is no ending date on the ESA programmatic authorization. A cultural resource study was conducted by Claudia Walsworth M.A. in 2001 documented in Sawtooth Forest Report SW-01-2110. The survey site name was designated Goat Creek-04 in the report. Subsequently two additional diversions were located downstream and the number of the upper most diversion was renamed for Department purposes as SVCGC-06. The site was fully covered and the locations in the report are accurate notwithstanding the name change. The Idaho State Historical Preservation Office (ISHPO) has issued a letter concurring with the finding of the Section 106 evaluation and noting compliance with 36 CFR 800.4 (c), 800.5, and 800.9.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance can be completed in a number of manners. The CRFDP has a Category Exclusion for all fish screen projects, BPA has an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and corresponding Record of Decision for their Habitat Improvement Program (HIP) including a project such as this proposal, or the SNRA could perform the required NEPA. All work associated with this proposal can be covered by BPA via a Supplemental Analysis (SA) under the BPA HIP EIS.

Specifically the Department proposes the following:

Screen: The proposed screen will be a reinforced concrete structure tinted a color required by the SNRA driven by paddlewheels. A buried 10" PVC pipe will provide fish passage back to the stream from the fish screen. The structures will be back-filled and graded to minimize exposure. All steel materials will be painted matte chocolate brown. The exposed portion of the bypass pipe will also be painted matte brown.

Control Structure: The control structure would be fabricated from steel with a lockable, controllable gate meeting the requirements of Idaho Department of Water Resources. It would be backfilled and rock would be imported to armor the stream bank at the line of penetration.

Clearing: The concrete structure can be installed with minimal disturbance to the site. The headgate and new ditch section will require the removal of some trees. Many of the trees that need removed are beetle killed lodgepole pine trees. Some additional trees would also need to be removed in order to access the site from the subdivision road.

Access: The Department will access the sites for construction by using the Iron Creek Road to the Goat Creek Subdivision Road. Immediately upon crossing the Goat Creek culvert, a new road would be installed upon private property to the fish screen site. Approximately 50 feet of new road would be required outside the private property.

Re-vegetation: All disturbed soils will be re-seeded with SNRA approved seeds. Additional planting will be performed if required by the SNRA.

Timing: Following concurrence with SNRA to this proposal, the Department plans to install the screen structure in the fall of 2006 weather permitting. Projects of this size typically require four to six weeks to complete.

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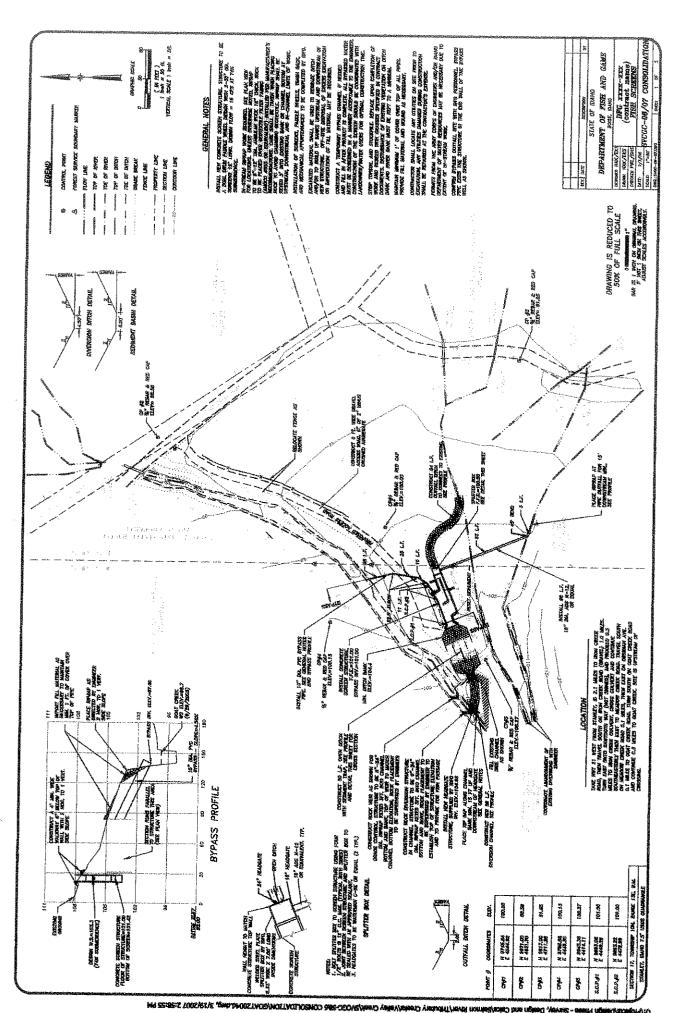
Copies of the ESA Biological Evaluation consultation documents were submitted to your office during the course of submitting work plans on previous projects. My staff would be happy to meet upon the project site to review the proposal. The Department looks forward to the completion of this resource project. If we can provide additional information or documentation please call me at 208-756-6022.

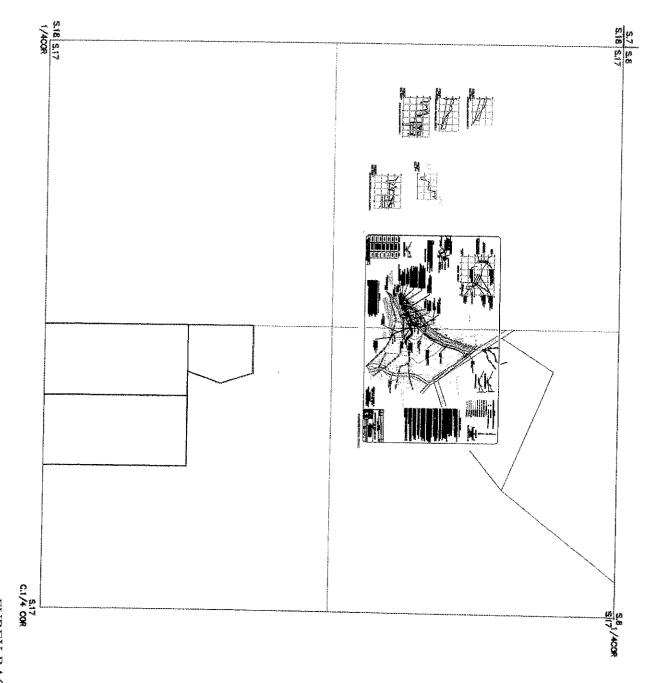
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