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Re: Camp Rainbow Gold – Conditional use Permit

Mr. Rixon:

You recently contacted our office regarding a proposed application for a Conditional Use permit located in Blaine County. Camp Rainbow Gold is a summer camp for children with cancer and will be located at 708 East Fork, Ketchum, TWP 4N, RNG 19E, SEC 29, Blaine County. Currently the property has several recorded water rights for irrigation from surface water and one domestic ground water right. It has been proposed to drill a new well for use as the public water system.

The Department has no objections to the proposed facility, but would like to make the following comments for your consideration:

- The use of the domestic wells on the property must fall within the "domestic use" definition outlined in §42-111, IDAHO CODE. I have enclosed a copy of this section of code for your reference.
- Drilling of any new wells must comply with the drilling permit requirements of §42-235, IDAHO CODE, and are subject to the Department's well construction standards (IDAPA 37, Title, 03, Chapter 09).
- Irrigation use must fall within the limits allowed by the water rights that are associated with the property.

If you have any questions, or need any further assistance, feel free to contact this office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Nathan Erickson
Technical Hydrologist



§42-111: Domestic purposes defined.

Part A: "The use of water for homes, organization camps, public campgrounds, livestock and for any other purpose in connection therewith, including irrigation of up to ½ acre of land, if the total use is not in excess of thirteen thousand (13,000) gallons per day, or"

Part B: "Any other uses, if the total use does not exceed a diversion rate of four one-hundredths (0.04) cubic feet per second and a diversion volume of twenty-five hundred (2,500) gallons per day."

(2)"For purposes of these sections, domestic purposes or domestic uses shall not include water for multiple ownership subdivisions, mobile home parks, commercial or business establishments, unless the use meets the diversion rate and volume limitations set forth in subsection B. of this section."

(3)"Multiple water rights for domestic use or domestic purposes, as defined in this section, shall not be established or exercised in a manner to satisfy a single combined water use or purpose that would not itself come within the definition of a domestic use or purpose under this section. The purpose of this limitation is to prohibit the diversion and use of water, under a combination of domestic purposes or domestic uses as defined in this section, to provide a supply of water for a use that does not meet the exemption of section 42-227, Idaho Code, and is required to comply with the mandatory application and permit process for developing a right to the use of water pursuant to chapter 2, title 42, Idaho Code."

