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JUNE 16, 2008

YANKEE FORK GOLD DREDGE ASSOCIATION
C/O BILLY REED
P.O. BOX 1321
CHALLIS, ID 83226

RE: MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL FOR WATER RIGHT 72-7388

Dear Mr. Reed:

This letter is a follow up to your letter of February 6, 2008 and our meeting at the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge on May 23, 2008. On behalf of the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge Association, you had requested an exemption from the requirements of the February 20, 2007 IDWR order requiring measurement and control of diversions in Water District No. 170. This letter grants that request.

The water right held by the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge Association authorizes a maximum diversion of 0.6 cubic feet per second for aesthetic purposes. During my visit on May 23rd, I measured approximately 0.45 cubic feet per second being diverted into the dredge pond. This measurement indicates that the water right was not exceeded at a time of relatively high flows of spring runoff, and so it is unlikely that the water right will be exceeded during the rest of the year. Given that the beneficial use is non-consumptive, and that it is unlikely the diversion will exceed the amount authorized by the water right, daily records of diversion amounts are not necessary. Instead, the Watermaster for Water District No. 170 will perform periodic measurements of this diversion throughout the season.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at the address and phone number on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Miller', is written over a white background.

Nick Miller, P.E.
Staff Engineer, IDWR
Watermaster, Water District No. 170

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