ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDUM

Application Processing No. 64
Transfer Processing No. 19
Dam Safety Processing No. 2
SCA No. 13

To: Water Management Division

From: Norman C. Young NCY

RE: **REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT ON A STATE PROTECTED RIVER REACH OR WITHIN A MINIMUM STREAM FLOW REACH**

Date: August 16, 1999

The Water Resource Board has adopted Comprehensive State Water plans for certain drainages in Idaho to protect designated reaches of waterways and associated riparian buffers from activities that would degrade the aesthetics and recreational values of the reaches. In addition, minimum streamflows have been approved for approximately 70 stream reaches in Idaho.

In order to assure that various approvals for programs administered by Water Management Division do not conflict with protected rivers in an adopted Comprehensive State Water Plan (plan) or Minimum Stream Flow reach ("minimum flow reach"), staff is directed to seek and consider comment from Planning and Policy Division as described below.

Upon receipt of an application which proposes an activity in a protected river or minimum flow reach, as shown by maps or digital layers provided to Water Management Division by Policy and Planning Division, Water Management staff should provide a copy of the application to Water Planning Bureau for review and comment. This notification should be in addition to Planning and Policy Division's review of the weekly water right print out available on the department's home page. Comments provided by Water Planning Bureau need to be considered before recommending action on such applications.

Examples of permitting activities which require this review include stream channel alteration activities, dam construction, diversion works authorized by a water right permit or transfer.