Mr. Gay Richardson  
P.O. Box 314  
Elk City, ID 83525  

RE: Appointment of Hearing Officer in the Matter of Application Stream Channel Alteration Permit No. S82-20066  

Dear Mr. Richardson,  


On January 19, 2018, Hearing Officer John M. Melanson issued the Notice of Hearing Officer Resignation; Order Vacating Deadline and Hearing Dates, resigning as the hearing officer in this matter, thereby necessitating appointment of a new hearing officer. As the Resolution states, the Board has appointed Nick Miller, Manager of IDWR’s Western Region, as the hearing officer.  

Mr. Miller will be in contact with you soon to discuss the next steps in this process.  

Sincerely,  

Brian Patton  
Executive Officer  
Idaho Water Resource Board  

cc: Aaron Golart, State Coordinator, Stream Protection Program, IDWR
WHEREAS, on August 2, 2017, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR")
denied Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20066 in the name of Gay Richardson
("Richardson") for suction dredge mining within the Red River, a tributary of the South Fork
Clearwater River; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2017, IDWR denied Joint Application for Permit No. S82-
20067 in the name of John Stickley ("Stickley") for suction dredge mining within the Red River,
a tributary of the South Fork Clearwater River; and

WHEREAS, IDWR received a letter from Richardson on August 15, 2017, requesting a
hearing on the denial of Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20066; and

WHEREAS, IDWR received a letter from Stickley on August 27, 2017, requesting a
hearing on the denial of Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20067; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Idaho Water Resource Board ("IWRB") to appoint a
hearing officer to preside over the hearings requested by Richardson and Stickley and issue a
recommended order or recommended orders in accordance with Idaho Code §§ 67-5243(1)(a)
and 67-5248; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2017, the IWRB appointed Hon. John M. Melanson as the
hearing officer in the above-captioned proceedings;

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2018, Hearing Officer Melanson issued the Notice of
Hearing Officer Resignation; Order Vacating Deadline and Hearing Dates, resigning as hearing
officer due to unforeseen medical issues;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the IWRB to appoint a new hearing officer to preside over
the hearings requested by Richardson and Stickley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IWRB hereby appoints Nick Miller,
Manager, IDWR Western Region, as the hearing officer in the above-captioned proceedings.
Adopted this 33rd day of March 2018.

ROGER CHASE, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST:
VINCE ALBERDI, Secretary