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Governor Brad Little

Director Gary Spackman

June 27, 2022

Greg Skjonsby
16 Beacon Bay
Newport Beach, CA 92660

RE: Joint Application for Permit No. S37-20646
Big Wood River – Streambank Stabilization

Dear Mr. Skjonsby:

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JUN 27 2022
BLAINE COUNTY
LAND USE & BUILDING SERVICES

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has reviewed your above referenced application for a permit to alter the Big Wood River and has prepared a decision as provided for in Section 42-3805, Idaho Code. The conditions set forth in this permit are intended to prevent degradation of water quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat, and protect the long-term stability of the stream channel. If you cannot meet the conditions set forth in the permit, please contact this office for further consideration.

You may consider this letter a permit to construct your project according to your attached application, dated May 17, 2022, including diagrams. Project activities include re-grading a portion of the streambank and stabilizing with wood and vegetation, the placement of rock to repair undercutting and protect an existing cottonwood tree, and revegetating existing legacy riprap. Total project activities will result in the discharge of approximately 6 cubic yards of sand, 16 cubic yards of rock, and 12 cubic yards of large wood. The project location is within Section 07, Township 03 North, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Blaine County, Idaho.

Failure to adhere to the conditions as set forth herein can result in legal action as provided for in Section 42-3809, Idaho Code. This project is subject to the following Minimum Standards, Special, and General Conditions.

MINIMUM STANDARDS:

These standards are established in the Administrative Rules of the Idaho Water Resources Board; Stream Channel Alteration Rules, IDAPA 37.03.07, and are enclosed with this permit.

Rule 56 - Construction Procedures

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

[1] All construction shall be completed in accordance with the descriptions and methods on the attached application and diagrams. This office must approve any changes prior to construction.



[2] All construction activities shall be conducted in such a manner as to minimize turbidity and comply with Idaho water quality standards. Construction shall take place during low flow and in the dry to minimize turbidity and protect water quality.

[3] Permittee shall conduct work from the top of the streambank. Equipment shall not enter the river channel.

[4] Permittee shall conduct instream work between July 15 and March 31.

[5] Silt fencing or other erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed between any area of earth disturbance and the water. Erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed during construction according to the manufacturer's specifications and must be maintained until construction is completed and the disturbed ground is revegetated and stable.

[6] Dormant willow cuttings, willow bundles, willow clumps, or other native woody vegetation shall be planted within the streambank treatments (cuttings spaced no greater than 2-foot intervals, bundles or clumps spaced no greater than 5-foot intervals).

[7] Any geotextile fabric used for construction in this project shall be non-woven natural fiber of jute, coir, sisal, or a similar product. The apparent opening length shall be adequate to allow roots to penetrate the fabric and spread laterally.

[8] Stream bank vegetation shall be protected to the extent practical during construction. Disturbed areas not protected with willows or native woody vegetation shall be seeded with a native perennial grass/forb/shrub mixture to reduce erosion, restore bank cover and habitat and inhibit invasion of noxious weeds.

[9] Permittee shall segregate grasses, shrubs, and tree plantings to limit competition for nutrients and/or soil moisture, allowing each type of planting optimal success.

[10] All temporary structures, excess excavated material, vegetative or construction debris shall be disposed of out of the stream channel where it cannot reenter the channel. All construction debris shall be removed from the site and disposed of properly.

[11] All fuel, oil, and other hazardous materials shall be stored and equipment refueled away from the stream channel to ensure that a spill will not enter the waterway. Equipment must be free of fuel and lubricant leaks. The operator shall have spill control materials available at all times during this project.

[12] Permittee is responsible for all work done by any contractor and shall ensure any contractor who performs the work is informed of and follows all the terms and conditions of this authorization.

[13] This permit shall expire December 31, 2024.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. This permit does not constitute any of the following:
 - a. An easement or right-of-way to trespass or work upon property belonging to others.
 - b. Other approval that may be required by Local, State or Federal Government, unless specifically stated in the special conditions above.
 - c. Responsibility of the IDWR for damage to any properties due to work done.
 - d. Compliance with the Federal Flood Insurance Program, FEMA regulations or approval of the local Planning and Zoning authority.
2. In accordance with Sections 55-2201 - 55-2210, Idaho Code, the applicant and/or contractors must contact Digline statewide phone number 1-800-342-1585 (Boise area 208-342-1585) not less than three working days prior to the start of any excavation for this project.
3. The permit holder or operator must have a copy of this permit at the alteration site, available for inspection at all times.
4. The IDWR may cancel or amend this permit at any time that it determines such action is necessary to minimize adverse impact on the stream channel.

Conditions and construction procedures approved under this permit may not coincide with the proposal as submitted. Failure to adhere to conditions as set forth herein can result in legal action as provided for in Section 42-3809, Idaho Code.

If you object to the decision issuing this permit with the above conditions, you have 15 days in which to notify this office in writing that you request a formal hearing on the matter. If an objection has not been received within 15 days, the decision will be final under the provisions of IDAPA 37.03.07 (Rule 70).

Please contact Aaron Golart 208-287-4941 or aaron.golart@idwr.idaho.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Aaron Golart
State Coordinator
Stream Protection Program

cc: Kristine Hilt, Blaine County, Hailey
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056. CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES (RULE 56).

01. Conformance to Procedures. Construction shall be done in accordance with the following procedures unless specific approval of other procedures has been given by the Director. When an applicant desires to proceed in a manner different from the following, such procedures should be described on the application. (7-1-21)T

02. Operation of Construction Equipment. No construction equipment shall be operated below the existing water surface without specific approval from the Director except as follows: Forging the stream at one (1) location only will be permitted unless otherwise specified; however, vehicles and equipment will not be permitted to push or pull material along the streambed below the existing water level. Work below the water which is essential for preparation of culvert bedding or approved footing installations shall be permitted to the extent that it does not create unnecessary turbidity or stream channel disturbance. Frequent forging will not be permitted in areas where extensive turbidity will be created. (7-1-21)T

03. Temporary Structures. Any temporary crossings, bridge supports, cofferdams, or other structures that will be needed during the period of construction shall be designed to handle high flows that could be anticipated during the construction period. All structures shall be completely removed from the stream channel at the conclusion of construction and the area shall be restored to a natural appearance. (7-1-21)T

04. Minimizing Disturbance of Area. Care shall be taken to cause only the minimum necessary disturbance to the natural appearance of the area. Streambank vegetation shall be protected except where its removal is absolutely necessary for completion of the work adjacent to the stream channel. (7-1-21)T

05. Disposal of Removed Materials. Any vegetation, debris, or other material removed during construction shall be disposed of at some location out of the stream channel where it cannot reenter the channel during high stream flows. (7-1-21)T

06. New Cut of Fill Slopes. All new cut or fill slopes that will not be protected with some form of riprap shall be seeded with grass and planted with native vegetation to prevent erosion. (7-1-21)T

07. Fill Material. All fill material shall be placed and compacted in horizontal lifts. Areas to be filled shall be cleared of all vegetation, debris and other materials that would be objectionable in the fill. (7-1-21)T

08. Limitations on Construction Period. The Director may limit the period of construction as needed to minimize conflicts with fish migration and spawning, recreation use, and other uses. (7-1-21)T