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Greg Hall
PO Box 1298
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RE: High Plains Estates Dam
Removal of Existing Impoundment

IDWR File: 63-31770
National Dam: ID00691

Dear Mr. Hall:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Dam Safety program has determined that the referenced structure located in Section 21, T5N, R1W, Ada County has been rendered incapable of impounding water and therefore, does not present a hazard to downstream life and property resulting from a failure and uncontrolled release of water.

Based on our observations, a channel approximately 8 feet wide exhibiting sides slopes approximately 1H:1V was excavated through the earthen embankment at or near its maximum sectional height. Consequently, all upstream overland drainage from the nominal 40-acre contributing watershed will flow downstream, ceasing to be impounded by the former barrier.

In accordance with Idaho Code 42.1710, IDWR will no longer inspect or otherwise regulate this breached structure for benefit of public safety. Please be advised that you may nonetheless remain subject to other local, state or federal regulations pertaining to riparian habitat, water quality, and/or soil conservation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know (208) 287-4927, or you may contact Sonny Hornbaker (208) 334-2190. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Falk, PE
Dam Safety Manager

cc: John Westra – Western Region Office Manager
Shelley Keen – IDWR Water Rights