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State of Idaho

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Governor

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Director

RE: 2015 Idaho Recreational Mining Authorization (LETTER PERMIT)

Dear Recreational Miner:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) hereby issues an expedited LETTER PERMIT. This LETTER PERMIT authorizes the Permit Holder to operate recreational mining equipment to alter a stream channel in accordance with the Stream Channel Alteration Rules (IDAPA 37.03.07 - Rule 64) and the 2015 IDWR Instructions for "Stream Channel Alteration by Recreational Mining Activities" (IDWR Instructions).

This LETTER PERMIT must include information requested on page 2.

Rule 64 (attached), "Standards for Suction Dredges and Non-Powered Sluice Equipment," lists minimum standard conditions for this LETTER PERMIT. The authorized holder of this LETTER PERMIT may operate recreational mining equipment in stream channel segments of the state designated as "OPEN" in the 2015 IDWR Instructions available at IDWR's website: idwr.idaho.gov  
→ Forms → Stream Channel/Recreational Mining Forms. Special Conditions listed below also apply. Failure to adhere to these requirements can result in legal action in accordance with Idaho Code §42-3809 and 42-1701B. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) now requires an NPDES general permit for small scale suction dredging in Idaho. The EPA should be contacted on their requirements in Idaho (see pg. 10 for the IDWR Instructions for EPA contact information).

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - IDWR LETTER PERMIT:

1. Permit holder will only work on a stream segment listed as OPEN in the 2015 IDWR Instructions.
2. This permit does not serve in lieu of other permits that may be required by federal or other state government agencies or in any way constitute an exemption of other permit requirements.
3. Permit holder shall obtain authorization from the land owner or land manager to access the property where the mining operation is located and determine if other permits are required. A copy of this Permit should be submitted to the appropriate federal, state or tribal land manager if the mining operation is located on federal, state or tribal land.
4. This permit may be canceled at any time to minimize adverse impact on the stream channel.
5. Each permit holder must have a copy of his/her permit when operating equipment and evidence that the required fee has been paid. Permit holder shall make this permit, including page 2, available for inspection at all times.
6. This permit does not constitute any of the following:
  - a. An easement or right-of-way to trespass or work upon property or mining claims belonging to others.
  - b. Responsibility of the IDWR for damage to any properties due to operations of Permit Holder.
7. All fuel, oil, and other hazardous materials shall be stored outside of the stream channel. The Permit holder shall not operate any equipment that leaks fuel, hydraulic fluid, or other pollutants. The Permit Holder shall use a funnel when pouring fuel and place absorbent material, sufficient to absorb a spill, under and around the fuel tank. A petroleum absorbent spill kit shall be onsite in case of accidental spills and no petroleum products shall enter the stream when servicing the equipment.
8. This permit shall expire March 31, 2016.

Sincerely,

Aaron Golart, State Coordinator, Stream Protection Program

Please Print Clearly:

Permit Holder's Name DAVE ERLANSEN SR Idaho Resident? Yes  No

Address of Residence 3521 KANEY CR. City SWAN VALLE State ID Zip 83449

Email DAVE.ERLANSEN@IDAHO.GOV Phone 208-483-7343

Signature [Signature] Date May 13<sup>th</sup>, 15

Certification: I certify under the penalty of law that I have read and understand the IDWR document 2015 instructions for "Stream Channel Alteration by Recreational Mining Activities" and will conduct my operations in compliance with these Instructions, all rules, and other requirements. In addition, I certify that I have provided a copy of this LETTER PERMIT with the appropriate fee to IDWR.

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Fee \$ <u>10</u>	Received by <u>AA</u> Date <u>5-13-2015</u> Receipt No. <u>EO41016</u> Permit No. <u></u>

*Does not mention individual permit nor eligible for a general permit*

*I did contact man... [unclear]*

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DEPARTMENT OF
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2016 Idaho Recreational Mining Authorization (LETTER PERMIT)

Dear Recreational Miner:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) hereby issues an expedited LETTER PERMIT. This LETTER PERMIT allows the Permit Holder, indicated below, authorization to operate recreational mining equipment to alter a stream channel in accordance with the Stream Channel Alteration Rules (IDAPA 37.03.07 - Rule 64) and the 2016 IDWR Instructions for "Stream Channel Alteration by Recreational Mining Activities" (IDWR Instructions).

This LETTER PERMIT does not authorize recreational mining on the South Fork Clearwater River (SFCR). To apply for consideration for recreational mining on the SFCR, you must complete an IDWR Recreational Mining Special Supplement, SFCE. For all other OPEN locations, this LETTER PERMIT must include information requested on page 2.

Rule 64 (attached), "Standards for Suction Dredges and Non-Powered Sluice Equipment," provides minimum standard conditions for this LETTER PERMIT. The authorized holder of this LETTER PERMIT may operate recreational mining equipment in stream channel segments of the state designated OPEN as described in the 2016 IDWR Instructions referenced above and available at IDWR's website: idwr.idaho.gov -> Forms -> Stream Channel/Recreational Mining Forms. Special Conditions listed below also apply. Failure to adhere to these requirements can result in legal action as provided for in Idaho Code §42-3809 and 42-1701B. Effective as of 2013, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires an NPDES permit for small scale suction dredging in Idaho. The EPA should be contacted on their requirements in Idaho (see pg. 1 of the IDWR Instructions for EPA contact information).

No Mention of a General Permit required!

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - IDWR LETTER PERMIT:

- 1. Permit holder will only work on a stream segment listed as OPEN in the 2016 IDWR Instructions.
2. This permit does not serve in lieu of other permits that may be required by federal or other state government agencies or in any way constitute an exemption of other permit requirements.
3. Permit holder shall obtain authorization from the land owner or land manager to access the property where the mining operation is located and determine if other permits are required. A copy of this Permit should be submitted to the appropriate federal, state or tribal land manager if the mining operation is located on federal, state or tribal land.
4. This permit may be canceled at any time to minimize adverse impact on the stream channel.
5. Permit Holder must have a copy of their permit indicating them as the Permit Holder when operating equipment and evidence that the required fee has been paid. Permit holder shall make this permit, including page 2, available for inspection at all times.
6. This permit does not constitute any of the following:
a. An easement or right-of-way to trespass or work upon property or mining claims belonging to others.
b. Responsibility of the IDWR for damage to any properties due to operations of Permit Holder.
7. All fuel, oil, and other hazardous materials shall be stored outside of the stream channel. The Permit holder shall not operate any equipment that leaks fuel, hydraulic fluid, or other pollutants. The Permit Holder shall use a funnel when pouring fuel and place absorbent material, sufficient to absorb a spill, under and around the fuel tank. A petroleum absorbent spill kit shall be onsite in case of accidental spills and no petroleum products shall enter the stream when servicing the equipment.
8. This permit shall expire March 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Aaron Colart, State Coordinator, Stream Protection Program

Please Print Clearly:

Permit Holder's Name Jeffrey Bowman Idaho Resident? Yes [checked] No
Mailing Address 5556 W. Old Hwy. 91 City Docatale State Id. Zip 83204
Email jeffarjdbowman@gmail.com Phone 208-244-1917
Signature [Signature] Date 4-1-16

Certification: I certify under the penalty of law that I have read and understand the IDWR document 2016 instructions for "Stream Channel Alteration by Recreational Mining Activities" and will conduct my operations in compliance with these instructions, all rules, and other requirements. In addition, I certify that I have provided a copy of this LETTER PERMIT with the appropriate fee to IDWR.

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