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April 16, 2009

Beth Robrahn, Planning Director
City of Hailey Planning and Zoning
115 Main Street South, Suite H
Hailey, ID 83333

Re: Public Access Trail Proposal – Heagle Park to Colorado Gulch – City of Hailey

Dear Beth:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) has reviewed a proposal from Jeff Pfaeffle to provide a non-motorized public access trail across private property (Steven's property) connecting Heagle Park to Colorado Gulch Road. It is our understanding the trail would originate near the Cove Canal diversion on the Big Wood River and parallel the canal, which bisects the property, to the Colorado Gulch Road. Locating the trail adjacent to the canal should help minimize human disturbance to sensitive wildlife resources associated with forested riparian habitats along the Big Wood River.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Please contact Mike McDonald, Environmental Staff Biologist, in this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

H. Jerome Hansen
Magic Valley Regional Supervisor

Cc: Jeff Pfaeffle
IDFG - Boise (Hebdon/Servheen)
ECc: IDFG (R4 staff)