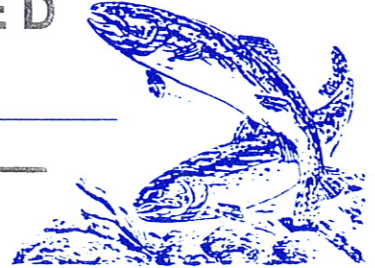


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August 23, 2009

Ms Beth Robrahn, Planning Director
City of Hailey Planning and Zoning Department
115 Main Street, Suite H
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Dear Ms Robrahn:

In June 2003, I and other biologists and scientists from my company, Fisher & Associates, conducted an inventory of the jurisdictional wetlands on property owned by Mr. Jeffrey Pfaeffle. The parcel is referred to as Colorado Gulch and lies just south of the City Limits of Hailey, along Broadford Road, in Blaine County, Idaho. The specific legal description is: E $\frac{1}{2}$, Sec.16, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec.15, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.21, T2N, R18E.

After our inventory was completed and prior to verifying our findings, a representative of the USCOE (United States Corp of Engineers) visited the site. After that visit the USCOE issued their approved jurisdictional determination #NWW No.032100970. The site map included with that determination showed all wetlands occurred in the "lower" floodplain area of the property along the river. (I have attached a copy of that site map.) No wetlands were found on the upper bench portion of the site.

I have re-visited the site and can confirm that the wetland areas have not changed. Because the USCOE's approval was issued on December 16, 2003, and was valid for only 5 years, I am submitting a formal request to the USCOE to re-issue a jurisdictional determination for the property.

The upper bench area, the subject of your present review, is all uplands and has been irrigated for either alfalfa or pasture most recently. Not only is there no water supply to support a self sustaining wetland system, there are almost no native plants remaining due to the historical agricultural use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Fisher
Aquatic Biologist
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