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Director Mathew Weaver

September 17, 2024

Brandon Darnton STRR LLC PO Box G Aspen, CO 81612

> RE: Joint Application for Permit No. S22-20363 Packsaddle Creek – Habitat Improvement and Stream Restoration

Dear Mr. Darnton,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has reviewed your attached Joint Application for Permits, received June 20, 2024, including diagrams. Project activities include the construction of a variety of stream restoration treatments to improve fish habitat and maximize aquatic habitat in Packsaddle Creek. Stream restoration treatments include bioengineered bank stabilization treatments, channel narrowing with inset floodplain benches, sod mats, and plantings. Your proposed project is located in Section 02, Township 05 North, Range 44 East, Teton County, Idaho. It has been determined that an IDWR Stream Channel Alteration Permit will not be required for this activity as provided for within Section 42-3802(d), Idaho Code.

This does not relieve you of the responsibility to obtain any other local, state or federal permits that may be required, such as those required under the Clean Water Act or local ordinances required to meet federal flood insurance guidelines.

Please contact Katie Gibble or <u>katie.gibble@idwr.idaho.gov</u> if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Katie Gibble Stream Channel Protection Idaho Department of Water Resources

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