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Curt Fransen, Director

July 13, 2012

Patrick Travis, President  
Hauser Lake Water Association  
P.O. Box 3468  
Post Falls, Idaho 83877

RE: Environmental Determination for the Hauser Lake Water Association Drinking Water Improvements  
(DWG 107-2011-1)

Dear Mr. Travis:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the environmental information document for the Hauser Lake Water Association drinking water improvements. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The city's project engineer consulted with a number of appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant issues. The project meets state and federal criteria for issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), since the environmental review process indicated no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

A FONSI legal notice will be published in the *Coeur d'Alene Press*, newspaper of greatest circulation for the Hauser Lake Water Association. DEQ has requested the *Coeur d'Alene Press* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Friday, July 20, 2012. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain a copy of the full FONSI for review and will give instructions on how they can submit comments. A 30 day public comment period will follow the FONSI legal notice publication. Should there be public comments and concerns related to the project or FONSI, DEQ may ask your help in preparing responses.

Following the 30 day public comment period, any significant comments or concerns will be considered and incorporated as appropriate into the *final* FONSI determination for the referenced project. After issuance of the *final* FONSI, and with approval of all technical considerations in the facility plan, DEQ will be able to close the DEQ planning grant and proceed with the State Revolving Fund loan.

Katy Baker-Casile, DEQ Coeur d'Alene Regional Office (208) 666-4640, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep her informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

c: Charlie Parkins, DEQ State Office  
MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ State Office  
Katy Baker-Casile, P.E., DEQ Coeur d'Alene Regional Office  
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## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Date:** July 13, 2012  
**To:** All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals  
**Subject:** Environmental Determination for the Hauser Lake Water Association Drinking Water Improvements

In accordance with the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities (IDAPA 58.01.22) and the Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program (IDAPA 58.01.20), an environmental review has been performed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the project described below:

Project:	Hauser Lake Water Association Drinking Water Improvements
Location:	Hauser, Kootenai County, Idaho
DEQ Grant Number:	DWG107-2011-1
DEQ Grant Costs:	\$7,472.50
DEQ Loan Number:	DW1210
DEQ Loan Project Costs:	\$1,974,700.00

### PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

**Purpose of Project:** The purpose of the proposed project is to protect public health and safety by addressing deficiencies in source, storage and booster capacity.

**Description of the Project:** The proposed project involves:

- Replacing the Main Reservoir with a new 234,000-gallon reservoir in previously undisturbed ground on Advent Lane;
- Installing approximately 3,000 linear feet (LF) of new main (approximately 250 LF in undisturbed ground) to connect the new reservoir to the distribution system;
- Upsizing Well Pump 1 to 1,000 gallons per minute;
- Converting the Main Booster Station to a pressure reducing valve station;
- Adding two 800-gpm pumps to the Woodlake Booster Station; and
- As additional funds become available, replacing an additional 37,400 LF of distribution mains.

**Direct and Indirect Impacts:** An environmental information document (EID) was prepared by Welch, Comer and Associates, Inc. (Welch-Comer), consulting engineer for the Association. Welch-Comer and DEQ consulted with appropriate state, federal and tribal agencies regarding relevant environmentally sensitive resources. Based on the consultation with agency experts, Welch-Comer and DEQ evaluated the potential short- and long-term impacts, and the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed drinking water improvements. The evaluation emphasized site-specific components of the environment that are most likely to be impacted by the

construction and operation of the proposed project. The evaluation results indicate there will be environmental effects from the proposed project as described below.

Short term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary disruption of the distribution system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. The project contractor is responsible for managing the temporary disruptions of the system as follows:

- **Air Quality:** Temporary dust pollution impacts will be controlled as a condition of the construction specifications in accordance with the DEQ Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, IDAPA 58.01.01.651 (rule). The rule states that reasonable precautions for dust control and suppression include using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, it is recommended that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes DEQ Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control.
- **Cultural Resources:** If archeological artifacts and human remains are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer and the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Historic Preservation Officer shall be notified.
- **Stormwater:** Stormwater runoff shall be handled through an Environmental Protection Agency Stormwater Construction General permit and the development of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP and stormwater BMPs will be implemented prior, during and after project construction to reduce the potential for erosion from runoff.
- **Wetlands:** Approximately 500 feet of waterline will be replaced within the existing roadway of West Hauser Lake Road, which is adjacent to a jurisdictional wetland, and will require a wetland delineation as part of the design effort. Excavated materials shall be confined to paved areas. Activities shall be subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Nationwide Permit #12 requirements, which include (in part):
  - Pre-Construction Notification using the Joint Application for Permit is required if the length of pipeline to be installed within the wetland exceeds 500 feet.
  - Trees within the wetland area are not to be removed without notification and approval of the ACOE District Engineer.
  - The top 6 to 12 inches of the trench is to be backfilled with topsoil from the trench.
  - The trench is not to be constructed in such a manner as to drain waters from the wetland.
  - Clay blocks, anti-seep collars, or similar methods will be installed along the pipeline within the wetland to ensure water from the wetland does not drain along the pipe.
  - All disturbed ground is to be restored to preconstruction contours and elevations.
  - Any excess material is to be removed to areas upland of the wetland and permanently stabilized.
  - All exposed slopes, banks, and disturbed ground are to be stabilized immediately upon completion of the waterline crossing.
- Noise impacts from the project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.
- Any other appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts from other construction activities.

The Hauser Lake Water Association will also obtain appropriate permits as required:

- Land use permit for new reservoir site from City of Hauser and Kootenai County.
- Any other local, state or federal permit required for activities taking place during project construction.

**Beneficial Impacts:** Overall, the completion of the proposed project will have long term positive effects through improving the reliability of the drinking water supply and improving fire flows.

**Finding:** The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement does not need to be prepared for the proposed project. Instead, a FONSI is hereby issued by DEQ. This decision is made following a careful review of the March 2012 *Water System Facility Plan for Hauser Lake Water System*, the May 2012 *Environmental Information Document for Hauser Lake Water System*, and supporting documentation.

#### AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, the March 2012 *Water System Facility Plan for Hauser Lake Water System*, the May 2012 *Environmental Information Document for Hauser Lake Water System* and supporting documentation upon which it is based are available for public review on the DEQ web site at [www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities) or at the following locations:

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Boise, Idaho 83706  
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Department of Environmental Quality Coeur d'Alene Regional Office  
2110 Ironwood Parkway  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814  
Regional Office Contact: Katy Baker-Casile, P.E. – (208) 666-4640

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Coeur d'Alene Press*, one time in the Friday, July 20, 2012 publication.

**Public Comments:** Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision must be submitted on the DEQ web site [www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities) or addressed to:

Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Water Quality  
Grant and Loan Program  
1410 North Hilton Street  
Boise, Idaho 83706  
Attention: Mike May, Grant/Loan SERP Staff

All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before Monday, August 20, 2012. After an evaluation of public comment, DEQ will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the draft FONSI Notice.



Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Hauser Lake Water Association Drinking Water Improvements  
Kootenai County  
Hauser, Idaho

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Mike May, Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Loan Program, 1410 N. Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before Monday, August 20, 2012. Public comments will be considered in finalizing the planning phase of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days from the date of publication.

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 Water Quality Division Administrator



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Madison McKenzie  
Coeur d'Alene Press  
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RE: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Hauser Lake Water Association

Dear Ms. McKenzie:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality requests the enclosed legal notice be published in your newspaper. This request is to satisfy the state rule requirement that the notice of an environmental determination be given in advance of the intended action. To comply with the aforementioned legal requirements and the dates contained in the legal notice, we hereby request the legal notice be published one time, on one day, on Friday, July 20, 2012.

Please compress the legal notice by eliminating any unnecessary lines and spaces. A formatted legal notice is attached for your convenience. If you are unable to publish on the requested date, please call for further instructions.

Following publication, please send: one (1) affidavit; one (1) proof of publication; and the billing invoice to:

Dawn Shepherd  
Department of Environmental Quality  
1410 North Hilton  
Boise, Idaho 83706

Failure to send the billing invoice to the address and contact person identified above could result in a delay in the processing of your invoice.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact Mike May at (208) 373-0406 or [Michael.May@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:Michael.May@deq.idaho.gov) if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Formatted Legal Notice