

518 Front Street

August 13, 1953

Mr. Bill Lewis  
Box 122  
Picabo, Idaho

Dear Mr. Lewis:

In reply to your questionnaire of August 5 relative to the closure of Silver Creek which is to be closed on August 15:

Please be advised that such a closure was instigated by the Fish and Game Department. First of all let me convey to you the fact that a considerable amount of pressure was placed on the Fish and Game Department to keep Silver Creek closed throughout the 1953 season because of the absence of weed growth in the waters. However, from a management standpoint we took the attitude that a reasonable harvest of fish should be made because of a reduction of fish feed in the stream due to the disappearance of the weed beds. From our checks it was felt that a reasonable harvest had been made; therefore, Silver Creek should be closed in order to protect the stream from over fishing this season. I do not believe the idea was ill-conceived as you suggest but rather feel that a considerable amount of thought and study has been given to the management of the stream. We have had relatively little pressure placed on the Department from anglers to keep the stream open or to close it for the remainder of the season.

I appreciate that in closing the stream we have denied some few people the pleasure of fishing the stream; however, I hope that the action of the Commission is in the best interest of the management of the water.

Yours very truly,

James C. Simpson  
Fish Culturist

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cc: Robert B. Irving ✓  
L. W. Gaver