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RE: Invitation to an IDWR SRBA Counting Acres Workshop in Idaho Falls

Dear W Ronald Shippen:

I am writing to invite leadership representatives from your water delivery organization to an important workshop relative to the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). As you are aware, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is presently investigating water right claims in eastern Idaho in preparation of submittal of Director's Report recommendations to the SRBA Court. For a water delivery organization, the most challenging element of the water right recommendation is the determination of acres irrigated under the water right. This letter announces a workshop designed to assist your organization and IDWR in accurately determining this element.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to invite you and other key leaders in your organization (to a maximum of three per organization) to a workshop to be held at the **Red Lion Hotel, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm.** The workshop will begin with presentations regarding the counting of acres in the adjudication and the use of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) in this process. The workshop will then proceed with giving you an opportunity to review the place of use maps for your organization. If you have already received SRBA maps – please bring them. If not, we will plan to distribute the maps at the workshop. The objective is for all participants to depart from the workshop with an understanding of the IDWR guidelines for counting acres. In this way your organization can participate in the process of maximizing the number of acres that can be recommended in the SRBA.

Our experience is that this type of advance planning results in a much smoother and more efficient process when we prepare the SRBA recommendations for your specific basin. IDWR personnel from the Eastern Regional Office and the State Office look forward to meeting your organizational representatives in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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