

## Idaho Department of Water Resources Report

Keith Wilson, from IDWR, reported on some of the current issues facing IDWR. The first one was the adjudication. It appears that the judge is broadening the scope of the adjudication which creates some serious problems. Work is currently being done without knowing if it is even necessary. The federal government is included in the adjudication process to prevent federal agencies from adjudicating the water themselves. The federal reserve water rights will be qualified by the state instead.

A new device is available for determining the depth from which water is pumped from a well. Other measuring devices are available for measuring in line but they wear out and are not desirable. Other methods include power use calculated with depth of water. This method is very accurate. Well flow measurement will be required in the near future.

### **Stock water Use**

The complaints of last summer concerning a stock water stream that was delivered were addressed. The water delivery in question, namely, the Whittaker stock water diversion, has been an accepted water delivery for 60 or more years. Chairman Jack Webster said that if there were concerns, the issue should be discussed and action taken. Until now, no one has objected, since this stock water use is considered negligible. It was mentioned that the diversion had some leakage that needed to be corrected. The chairman asked if anyone had any objections to the manner in which the diversion is being managed and there was no response. Seeing no objections, he said that no official action will be taken. There was a general concensus that Mr. Whittaker keep his water for livestock and domestic purposes as in the past, but on the condition that his weir is working, the ditch kept clean and watertight, and the flow kept to a minimum. Chairman Webster asked the watermaster to visit with the water user in question about the leak. Chairman Webster asked if there was any further discussion or objections, and hearing none, the discussion ended.