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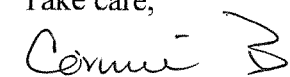
IDWR-Western Region  
Attn: John Westra  
2735 Airport Way  
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Dear John,

I chuckle to myself every time I have to write you a "Dear John" letter".  
Enclosed are the items we discussed in our phone conversation 3/5:

- 1) Official Oath and Petition for Watermaster's Services
- 2) Treasurers 2007-8 Financial Statement as submitted at 57-R meeting
- 3) Note that I was not called to duty as Watermaster in 2007 season and submit Diary of Notes and Entries to confirm that statement. Also, FYI, I did not receive any Watermaster Reporting forms from IDWR in the fall of 2007 like I normally do.

Take care,



Connie Brandau, Watermaster  
Reynolds Creek Dist. 57-R

Diary of Notes and Entries

2007 57-R Watermaster: Connie Brandau

March 6, 2007 57-R meeting and elections in Muphy, Idaho. For my own reference I note that the following people were elected to the position of: Rich Brandau, Chairman; Jerry Hoagland, Secretary; LaVar Young, advisory committee; Tom Hook, advisory committee; I was elected watermaster and accepted based on the rate of pay of \$70 per day and \$.40 per mile. I was also appointed again to the position of treasurer for 2007 at \$12 per hour. Kay Walker represented the IDWR. Noted that this looks like it will be an extremely short water year.

April 7, 2007 I was asked by the advisory board to make a "cursory" run of the creek. I noted that most points of diversion were taking all of the water that they could but there still wasn't enough flow to get an accurate measurement. The total estimated measurements for the day were approximately 37.84 CFS which would fill through priority # 19, dated 1/12/1888. I noted that the river pumps were on for those 57-R users who also have water rights out of the Snake River.

April 9, 2007 I called IDWR and requested advice and guidance on how to handle that situation. Steve Lester returned my call. My question to him was "do I deliver creek water to those lower users who are already receiving water that is being pumped out of the Snake River, through either individual or irrigation district pumps?" His advice to me was that I do not have to deliver more than 1 inch per acre, that I should just deliver creek water to those whose water rights are not being fully satisfied to the 1 inch per acre maximum, and the Pumpers should not be calling me to duty if their 1 inch per acre is being satisfied by pumped water. A water user can demand only an inch to the acre with all combined rights. He also advised me that a creek water right that is being satisfied by a pumped water right should be made available to the next 57-R water right, not prorated back through the system. So I had to spend the evening figuring out how far the creek water will go by taking out all the pumpers creek water rights not being used and applying those amount to the next junior right(s) to which it becomes available. I worked up the schedule of available water and called the users to tell them what was available to them.

April 12, 2007 The water from the 4/9 calls just got through the canyon this afternoon.

April 15, 2007 Received a call from Kelly Clemmons, Junayo Ranch manager, regarding Orndorf water rights.

April 24, 2007 The Creek was up a little today. Jerry Muller came up and opened up the West Reynolds Lateral headgate. He wants his 1.80 CFS out of the creek even though he is already getting 70" of water out of the West Reynolds Irrigation Dist. pumps (per the West Reynolds treasurer). I told him that I am on a water master all year, but have not yet been "called to duty". He complained about the water in the "high ditch" and I told him that was for the Schuster right and is supplying stock water also.

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April 25, 2007 The creek is back down this AM. Muller did not build any diversion dam, but is still upset that there is no water in his ditch. He told me "so I just shut it all off." There are issues with beavers too. They are already plugging headgates on the lower reach diversions.

April 28, 2007 The creek is up and down, not constant at all. Everyone seems to agree that as long as everyone is getting along and we all know there is not enough water to fill even the most senior rights that there is no reason for me to anything more than remain available on a standby basis.

I could do no accurate water measurements during the 2007 irrigation season due to the extremely low flow and therefor will not submit a Watermasters Report for 2007.

*Connie M. Branda*

CC: JPWR  
SJR Dist. Secretary

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