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RESPONSE DEADLINE

3/15/2014

RE: Water Supply Bank Annual Rental Fee & Notice of Potential Curtailment of Ground Water Rights in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer

Dear Renter,

In accordance with your Water Supply Bank Rental Agreement for water right(s) 2-2261D, 2-7064, 2-7237A, 2-10181, 2-10189, 2-10316, 2-10434, and 2-10450, your annual rental payment is due on 3/15/2014. The total rental fee for this water right is \$100,675.40. Upon receipt of your payment, the Department will authorize you to divert water during 2014 in compliance with the conditions of this water right and your rental agreement.

Please note, all rentable and rented water rights remain subject to priority date curtailment when necessary to satisfy senior water rights. Water Supply Bank Rental Agreements include a condition that the Director of IDWR may terminate your diversion of water if he determines there is not a sufficient water supply for the priority of the right or portion thereof being rented. Your remittance of the fee for rental of this water right does not guarantee delivery of the full volume under the water right if the Director is required to issue a curtailment order. If you choose not to pay the required annual rental fee by the due date, your rental agreement will be terminated.

The Department recently completed preliminary curtailment predictions based on water supply conditions. There is a 50% chance that no curtailment will be required in 2014, however there is a 30% chance that some ground water rights with priority dates junior to May 31, 1989 may be curtailed. If the predicted runoff is the same as in 2001, the lowest runoff water year since 1981, ground water rights with priority dates junior to September 23, 1974 may be subject to curtailment. All curtailment predictions assume that no mitigation water is provided by junior ground water users. A map showing the location of the curtailment area and a list of ground water rights within the curtailment area junior to September 23, 1974 may be accessed from the Department's website: www.idwr.idaho.gov (see **ESPA 2014 Curtailment Warning Notice** under the **What's New** tab).

Please remit your payment by the due date, 3/15/2014.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 208-287-4918.

Regards,

Remington Buyer
Water Supply Bank Coordinator