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To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Pocatello Street Operations Department over the past 3 years has been working with property owners in the Cedar Lakes Watershed Area to mitigate flows that are not confined to their historical channels. Over the past three years, these flows have been diverted at Johnny Creek Road which has caused an absolute maintenance problem for the City.

On 11/26/2013, the City of Pocatello Street Operations Department placed the water back into the historical channel and cleaned the pipe under Johnny Creek Road, this created another potential problem now at Bannock Highway and Golf Drive. The water was apparently diverted during construction of the Cedar Hill Condominium development and now flows under Bannock Highway and down Golf Drive creating a hazardous situation for the motoring public during the winter months, as we experience freezing temperatures. The City infrastructure is not designed to handle the existing, nor the potential, flows this drainage area may be able to produce. The City also incurs a problem during the summer months with vegetation growing and blocking site distance at Golf Drive and Bannock Highway.

After researching the historical flows of this channel, it appears as though the water never did cross under Bannock Highway. It appears as though the water flowed towards the Brown Property and terminated in the pond adjacent to Bannock Highway. It also appears as though there is a Water Right No. associated with this water 29-4391 and Transfer number 78862.

The Street Operations Department would strongly urge this water be placed back into the historical flows and not be allowed to flow under Bannock Highway any longer. We view this as a public safety issue as well as a public nuisance. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (208) 234-6250 or [rghezzi@pocatello.us](mailto:rghezzi@pocatello.us).

Sincerely,

Randy Ghezzi  
Street – Traffic – Levee Manager  
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