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C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Interim Director

Curlew Irrigation Co.
c/o
David Showell
23245 W 11500 S
Stone, ID 83252

RE: Potential Water Right Issues and Unauthorized Use

Dear Mr. Showell:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) has recently conducted an irrigation water use investigation in the Curlew Valley area. The primary purpose of this investigation was to identify lands being irrigated without applicable or valid water rights.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Curlew Irrigation Company (CIC) that there appear to be lands irrigated with CIC water that are not identified on the CIC's water rights. Use of water must be consistent with the parameters identified on existing water right(s) or the use may be considered unauthorized and be subject to sanctions or enforcement action by the Department.

Enclosed is a map showing the areas in question and depicting the existing and authorized place(s) of use. If corrections to the existing water right "place of use" are necessary, the CIC should work with staff at the Department's Eastern Region office to file necessary applications and officially accomplish the required changes. The Department is willing to assist you through this process and is providing the CIC this opportunity to "clear up" the apparent discrepancies in lieu of initiating a more formal enforcement process. Please review the enclosed map and convey your response to the Department within 30 days.

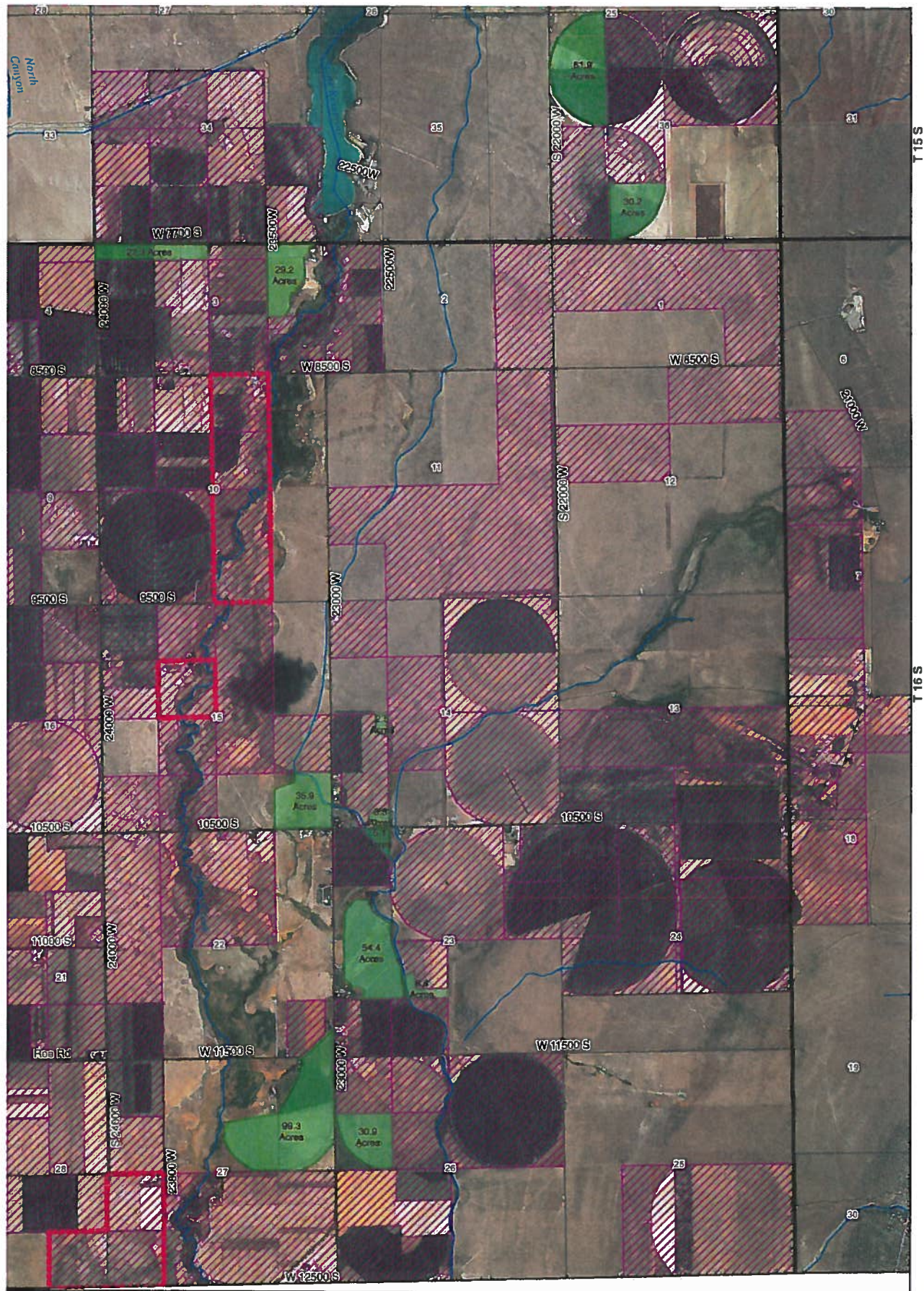
If the Department determines that the CIC is unwilling to initiate corrective action as requested, a formal enforcement action may be necessary and could include monetary penalties assessed against the CIC or their water users.

Feel free to contact me at this office if you need clarification or have related questions. I can be reached at (208) 287-4924 or contact the Eastern Region office at (208) 525-7161.

Respectfully,

ROBERT B. WHITNEY
Water Compliance Bureau

cc: James Cefalo, Dennis Dunn - Eastern Region



Legend

- 17-2006 P/U, Curlew Irrigation Co.
- * 17-8 P/U and 17-17 P/U do not have an area delineated
- Irrigated land in question (outside boundary)
- Water Right or Permit

Imagery is 2011 NAIP

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

