

May 19, 1992

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RE: Water Right No. 65-13092

Dear Water Right Holder(s):

Department water right records show that you divert water from the Snake River or its tributaries under a water right that has a priority date later than December 29, 1976. This is the priority of the established minimum stream flow of the Snake River at the Weiser Gage (Weiser) in the amount of 4,750 cubic feet per second.

Because of the continuing drought conditions in the Snake River Basin, department hydrologists project that during 1992, there could be periods when the required minimum flow will not be satisfied due to low flows of the Snake River. The department urges you to not divert at a higher rate than authorized by your water right and to not use your right in any manner different than authorized. In addition, when the minimum flow will not be satisfied or is not being satisfied, you are required to cease diverting water under your water right, because your right is of later priority than the minimum stream flow at Weiser.

If the department determines the minimum flow will not be satisfied, the department will advise you and will provide as much lead time as possible in requiring that you temporarily cease your diversion of water. The greatest likelihood for this to occur is during a period from mid-June to late June.

While the department expects good cooperation from junior water right holders, water users should be aware that Section 42-352, Idaho Code, provides for penalties of up to \$100 per day for unauthorized diversions of water.

The department has contacted both the Idaho Power Company and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation with respect to the timing of storage releases from upstream reservoirs for flow enhancement purposes. This type of coordination could minimize the impact on

existing water users and reduce the need to curtail diversions.

The department has scheduled public information meetings relative to this potential regulation as follows:

Mountain Home - June 4, 1992 - 10:00 a.m. - gymnasium at
North Elementary School, 290 E. 12th N.

Caldwell - June 4, 1992 - 7:00 p.m. - Ballroom in the
Student Union Building, Albertson College of Idaho,
2112 Cleveland

If you have questions concerning this letter or wish to provide the name of a different contact person or address to receive department correspondence, please contact the department.

Sincerely,

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