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September 5, 1995

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Mr. Mark Limbaugh Watermaster Water District 65 102 N Main Payette ID 83661-2522

Subject:

Release of Uncontracted Storage for Power Production

and Maintenance of Payette River Instream Flow

Dear Mark.

The Bureau of Reclamation will provide up to a maximum of 5,000 acre feet of water from our uncontracted storage space in Payette basin reservoirs, if necessary, to maintain a streamflow of at least 500 cfs in the Payette River as measured at the Emmett gage.

Reclamation will claim beneficial use for operation of our powerplant at the Black Canyon Dam for any water released from our storage space to maintain the 500 cfs flow.

You may order this water release from Cascade Reservoir at your initiative, whenever you feel such a release is necessary to maintain the streamflow at Emmett at 500 cfs.

Area Manager

cc:

Wilber Andrews, Chairman

Water District 65

Dave Tuthill Western Region Idaho Department of Water Resources,