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DIRK KEMPTHORNE Governor KARL J. DREHER Director

Clair Hatch 8985 N Westside Hwy Clifton, Idaho 83228

Mr. Hatch:

I have reviewed your letter of concern dated March 24,2003. It appears that the issues you cite about problems with a past water master are from the 2000 irrigation season. These are not timely issues that we can address 3 years later.

I do advise that these issues be brought up in your Water District Annual meeting and to your advisory boards within your district.

If your water master for this year submits his required paperwork we will formally appoint him and he will be bonded by the State. Possible damage he may cause while pursuing his duties would potentially be addressed by contacting the Assistant Attorney General assigned to our Department.

Finally, if some sort of improper diversion of water is going on, then that needs to be detailed when it happens. If it warrants attention then this office would send a Show Cause letter to the individual involved.

Sincerely,

Harold W. Jones

Water Resource Supervisor