



RECEIVED

P. O. Box 71 • Pocatello, ID 83204

OCT 26 2001
(208) 234-4929
Department of Water Resources

Oct. 20, 2001

Karl Dreher, Director
Idaho Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 83720
Boise Id 83720-0098

Dear Mr. Dreher,

I am President of the Portneuf Greenway Foundation, a non-profit advocacy group. Our mission statement is "To restore and preserve the Portneuf River, to establish and improve the Portneuf Greenway as a community resource and thereby enhance the quality of life for the residents of Pocatello and Bannock County".

It has come to my attention that requests have been filed to lengthen the irrigation season in the Portneuf River sub-basin. Such increases above decreed water rights would adversely impact the public interests which our foundation advocates, namely improved stream quality and recreational opportunity on the entire Portneuf River, but especially the lower part of the basin in the Pocatello area. In conjunction with our Concept Plan, approved by the City of Pocatello and Bannock County Commissioners in August, 1992, new trails and parks are being constructed along the Portneuf River in Pocatello.

Less water in the stream in the fall season will serve to damage the fishing potential and water quality in these areas.

Please keep me on your mailing list for developments related to the Portneuf River basin. My office phone is 208-282-3365, fax 282-4414, and my e mail is linkpaul@isu.edu.

Sincerely,

Paul K. Link, President
Portneuf Greenway Foundation

Cc: Greenway files
Ted Sorenson
K. Morter