

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF GROUND WATER)
WITHDRAWAL IN THE COTTONWOOD)
CRITICAL GROUND WATER AREA)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Department of Water Resources ("Department"), being charged with the duties of protecting vested water rights, enforcing specific statutes of the state of Idaho and the rules promulgated by the Department, is authorized to order the cessation or reduction of ground water withdrawals within a critical ground water area.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department will conduct a public hearing to consider the cessation or reduction of ground water withdrawals within the Cottonwood Critical Ground Water Area ("Cottonwood CGWA"), as follows:

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REDUCTION OF GROUND WATER
WITHDRAWALS IN THE COTTONWOOD CRITICAL GROUND WAER AREA:**

Date & Time: November 13, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

Location: Idaho Fish and Game Department, Magic Valley Region Office


Address: 324 South 417 East , Suite 1, Jerome, Idaho (Hwy 93 N. of Twin Falls)

Information and testimony presented at the hearing on November 13, 2008, will create a record upon which the Director will rely to determine if ground water withdrawals should be reduced from the current 4,000 acre-foot annual limit, and when such reductions, if any, should be imposed. The Director will serve as the hearing officer. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 2 and 17, Title 42 and Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code, and the Department's adopted Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 37.01.01. A copy of the rules may be obtained from the Department upon request or by using the following web page link: <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa37/0101.pdf>

Persons attending the hearing will be provided an opportunity to make an oral presentation regarding this issue. The hearing record will remain open until November 24, 2008. Users that are unable to attend the hearing and those that wish to submit additional testimony may submit written comments at any time prior to the close of the written comment period on November 24, 2008. Written comments not presented at the hearing should be sent to the Director, Department of Water Resources, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0098.

The hearing will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the hearing, please contact the Department of Water Resources at least five (5) days prior to the hearing. If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact either Tim Luke at the Department's state office in Boise at (208)-287-4800, or Allen Merritt at the Department's regional office in Twin Falls at (208) 736-3033.


DATED this 30th day of October, 2008


for: David R. Tuthill, Jr.,
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30th day of October, 2008, the above and foregoing document was served on each individual or entity on the service list for this matter on file at the Idaho Department of Water Resources, 322 East Front Street, Boise, Idaho. Each individual or entity on the service list was served by placing a copy of the above and foregoing document in the United States mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed.

**Documents served: Notice of Public Hearing in the matter of Ground Water
Withdrawal in the Cottonwood Critical Ground Water Area**


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