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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Dear Director Dreher:

At our meeting in Idaho Falls last fall, you indicated that all water rights in the state would be assigned water districts at the end of the adjudication process, even those in existing water districts. It was also indicated that input in the boundaries of these districts would be taken from the right holders. With this in mind, we would like to formally state that Water District #31 would like to be allowed to remain, as it currently exists. We feel that including our older rights with the many junior rights in our general area would be harmful to our members. We would consider the admission of the canal companies in the Montevue area into our district, as they have similar priority dates and issues of concern to our own. However, if this would also mandate the inclusion of other, junior rights we would oppose this as well. We thank you for your time and hope that you will take our position into consideration when drawing up the new water districts.

Sincerely,



Dallas Furness, Chairman
Water District #31

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