Payette River Basin, State of Idano Water District No. 65

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May 31, 2007

Idaho Department of Water Resources Western Region 2735 Airport Way Boise, ID 83705-5082

Re: Private property trespass

Idaho Department of Water Resources,

On May 8, 2007 I was invited to the Obermeyer Farm to hear a complaint of trespass to the Obermeyer farm by water users of a nearby lateral ditch. The ditch extends from the Enterprise Canal across the Churchwell property and parallel along the east side of the Obermeyer property.

The complaint is that a few patrons of this lateral ditch drive through and across the Obermeyer farm for convenient access when operating their waterway. The Obermeyer family has made objection to the trespass, but the practice seems to continue.

In response to the request of the Obermeyer family I prepared and sent a letter to 13 patrons of this lateral. The letter is to inform the patrons that the right to operate and maintain the lateral ditch does not afford the right to trespass without prior approval onto adjacent properties.

I have included a copy of that letter as well as the list of persons that received it.

This is simply to inform you of this situation and to make you aware of my actions to resolve this complaint.

If you would like any further information, I may be reached at 208-642-4465.

Sincerely,

Ron Shurtleff Watermaster

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