

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

322 East Front Street, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0098 Phone: (208) 287-4800 Fax: (208) 287-6700 Web Site: www.idwr.idaho.gov.

> DIRK KEMPTHORNE Governor KARL J. DREHER Director

February 27, 2006

RE: Motion for Order of Interim Administration in Basin 22 Part 1 Ground Water

Dear Water Right Holder:

The enclosed documents relate to the State of Idaho's Motion for Order of Interim Administration, which seeks District Court authorization for administration of water rights in Basin 22 Part 1 Ground Water.

The purposes for the request are to obtain authority for the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) to create or revise water districts, and to provide for long-term administration of surface and ground water rights from hydraulically connected sources. One step in this process is the notification of potentially affected water right holders. Therefore, this mailing is being sent to all recorded Snake River Basin Adjudication claimants (except those whose use is solely for de minimis domestic and/or stockwater purposes) in Basin 22 Part 1 Ground Water.

Enclosed with this mailing are the following documents: (1) Motion for Order of Interim Administration and Notice of Hearing; (2) Brief in Support of Motion for Order of Interim Administration; and (3) Affidavit of Tim Luke, Section Manager for the IDWR Water Distribution Section.

If you have any questions, please call the Idaho Department of Water Resources hot line at 1-800-451-4129.

Sincerel Director

Enclosures