

# WATERMASTER'S REPORT

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From May, 20 15 To November, 20 15

Water District No. |||||  
Water District 13T  
Name of Watermaster Craig Shuler  
255 W 4 S  
P.O. Address Soda Springs Id 83276-1620

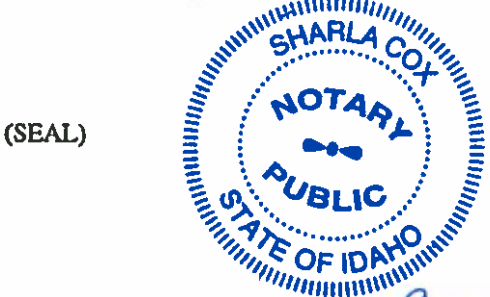
### AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

STATE OF IDAHO )  
COUNTY OF Caribou ) ss.

Craig Shuler, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster of Water District 13T, having been lawfully appointed by Dary Spectman, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report and prorated by him to the water right holders of the district are correct.

Craig Shuler  
(Deputy) Watermaster District No. 13T

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25 day of January, 20 16.



(SEAL)

Charla Cox  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 9/20/2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Craig Shuler was lawfully appointed by me as Water Master of Water District No. 13T, and that the information contained in this report, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

Boise, Idaho, January 3, 20 16

Dary Spectman  
Director, Department of Water Resources

By Dennis Sunw

January 8, 2015

Braley Shuler  
255 W. 4th So. St.  
Soda Springs, Id. 83276

Dear water users,

In 2015, I started measuring wells in the Bancroft-Sund water district on May 25, 2015. Due to the wet spring of 2015, irrigation and pumping was delayed almost three weeks compared to the May 5<sup>th</sup> start up in 2014. Like 2014 my May 25<sup>th</sup> reading was taken before irrigation and pumping had begun. As an average the well levels were up approximately 1% overall from the 2014 readings. Even though the winter was relatively mild the wet spring made up the difference, and put well levels in the plus column.

This year was an anomaly. In the sixteen years I've measured wells in the Bancroft-Sund water district usually the lowest reading occurs around the 24<sup>th</sup> of July; however, this year four of the wells reached their lowest points in June. The other three wells reached their lowest points in August. I'm not sure why this occurred.

There was a change of ownership of the Pond well on the former Don Ryly property. The well is no longer on non-use. The new owners are watering cattle from this well, and its located to assume the cattle.

would drink more in August than July because August is usually hotter. However, it doesn't explain why the other four wells reached their low points in June.

As a consequence of the Pond well coming back into use we no longer have a "control well" that isn't being used. Therefore, a new "control well" will be needed to compare against the active wells.

Next year it will be interesting to see if the low point of well water levels occurs in July like past years or if the anomaly of 2015 signals a change in the water table.

Listed below are my expenses for 2015 while monitoring the wells of the Bancroft-Lund water district.

Travel (4 wheels and pick-up)	509.4 mi @ .54 =	\$ 275.08
labor	33 hrs @ 14.59 =	\$ 481.47
copies + postage		= \$ 4.24
total		\$ <u>760.79</u>

Best regards,

Craig Shuler

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Tony R. Michael  
 A0004109  
 Site Number ....

Date	Water Level Below LSD	Status	Method	Hold	Cut	Depth Below LSD	Difference MP & LSD	Remarks	Fieldperson Name
5/25/15	131.22'	Active	Reed. Ke			138.63'	14'	Inst. Apring - Reading Inprob	OS
6/25/15	136.71'	"	"			138.12'	14'	Inst. Apring - Reading Inprob	OS
7/25/15	134.69'	"	"			136.10'	14'	Inst. Apring - Reading Inprob	OS
8/25/15	132.59'	"	"			134.0'	14'	"	"
9/29/15	132.44'	"	"			133.85'	14'	"	"
10/30/15	133.21'	"	"			134.62'	14'	"	"
11/30/15	134.19'	"	"			135.60'	14'	"	"

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Don Reilly - Pond well  
 A 000 4106  
 Site Number ....

Date	Water Level Below LSD	Status	Method	Hold	Cut	Depth Below LSD	Difference MP & LSD	Remarks	Fieldperson Name
5/25/15	66.98'	Active	Level Staff			66.98'	0'	Just Apurong road, Idaho	D.S.
6/25/15	66.38'	"	"			66.38'	0'	Just Apurong road, Idaho	"
7/25/15	64.70'	"	"			64.70'	0'	Just Apurong road, Idaho	"
8/25/15	68.72'	"	"			68.72'	0'	Just Apurong road, Idaho	"
9/28/15	66.0'	"	"			66.0'	0'	"	"
10/30/15	66.59'	"	"			66.59'	0'	"	"
11/30/15	66.76'	"	"			66.76'	0'	"	"

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*Women & Boy  
 new well*

Site Number ....

Date	Water Level Below LSD	Status	Method	Hold	Cut	Depth Below LSD	Difference MP & LSD	Remarks	Fieldperson Name
5/25/15	75.69'	Active	Obs. Pump			76.58'	.89	withdrawing - measurement taken U.S.	
6/25/15	78.95'	"	"			79.84'	.89	withdrawing - measurement taken U.S.	
7/25/15	83.13'	"	"			about 84.9'	.87	withdrawing - measurement taken U.S.	
9/25/15	82.51'	"	"			83.40'	.89	withdrawing - measurement taken U.S.	
9/29/15	80.29'	"	"			81.18'	.89	withdrawing - measurement taken U.S.	
10/30/15	75.99'	"	"			76.88'	.89	withdrawing - measurement taken U.S.	
11/30/15	74.11'	"	"			75.00'	.89	withdrawing - measurement taken U.S.	

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*Warren & Long*

Site Number .... A0004116-02-001

Date	Water Level Below LSD	Status	Method	Hold	Cut	Depth Below LSD	Difference MP & LSD	Remarks	Fieldperson Name
5/25/15	71.04'	Static	Open Well			71.14'	0.2"		C.S.
6/25/15	86.51'	Pump	"			86.91'	0.2"	wet avg. measurement below for open measurement started	C.S.
7/25/15	76.34'	Static	"			76.54'	0.2"		C.S.
8/25/15	75.83'	"	"			76.03'	0.2"		C.S.
9/24/15	73.45'	"	"			73.65'	0.2"		"
10/30/15	69.18'	"	"			69.38'	0.2"		"
11/30/15	68.65'	"	"			69.05'	0.2"		"

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*Keith J. Boyd*

A 000 4132  
 Site Number ....

Date	Water Level Below LSD	Status	Method	Hold	Cut	Depth Below LSD	Difference MP & LSD	Remarks	Fieldperson Name
5/30/15	49.16"	OK	Auto			49.16"	0"		C.S.
6/25/15	64.80"	"	"			64.80"	"		C.S.
7/25/15	50.25"	"	"			50.25"	"		C.S.
8/23/15	49.50"	"	"			49.50"	"		C.S.
9/24/15	49.42"	"	"			49.42"	"		"
10/30/15	47.52"	"	"			47.52"	"		"
11/30/15	47.04"	"	"			47.04"	"		"

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**C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER**  
Governor

February 3, 2016

**GARY SPACKMAN**  
Director

Water District 13T  
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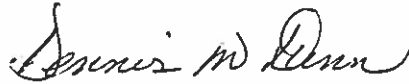
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The purpose of this letter is to remind all water districts that workers compensation insurance is required for all water district employees. This requirement applies to all water districts in Idaho, regardless of annual budget. Insurance should be applicable at least to all paid water district staff, including the water master as well as watermaster assistants, advisory committee, secretary and treasurer. The costs associated with workers compensation insurance is paid directly by the water district and should be considered an expense of the district. For information about obtaining insurance costs etc., please contact the Idaho State Insurance Fund. The State Insurance Fund has offices in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls. Water Districts are also reminded that all paid water district staff may be subject to state and federal taxes. These tax requirements will vary depending on salaries and total income of each watermaster or employee. In many water districts, particularly smaller districts with part-time staff, payment of watermaster or each employee. Districts may wish to contact the State Tax Commission or the Internal Revenue Service for information about state and federal withholding taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis M. Dunn".

Dennis Dunn  
Sr. Water Resource Agent

Enclosure



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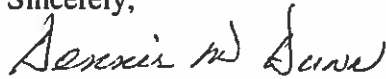
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