

## WATER DISTRICT 75F – LOST TRAIL RESOLUTIONS

**Whereas** Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) established by order on November 1, 2022 Water District 75F, Lost Trail Area, with boundaries composed of all Salmon River tributaries east of the river including the entire Tower Creek, Fourth of July Creek, and North Fork Salmon River drainages. Includes all surface and ground water rights except domestic and stockwater rights in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-111 & 42-1401(A)(11), and rights used for in-stream livestock watering as defined by Idaho Code § 42-113. Main stem Salmon River diversions within the boundaries of WD 75F are excluded.

**Whereas** this new district, according to IDWR WR records, contains approximately 203 water users and 180 unique diversions with 2/3 of the users being small users ( $\leq .24$  cfs and irrigating  $\leq 5$  acres), and;

**Whereas** it is the responsibility of those water users to review their water rights on record with IDWR for accuracy and to correct discrepancies directly with IDWR, and;

**Whereas** the vast majority of these diversions do not have measuring devices and lockable headgates at this time allowing fair regulation and delivery of water, and;

**Whereas** IDWR has resources giving guidance on how to administer and operate a water district including the duties of Water Master, Treasurer and Advisory Committee (reference: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/water-rights/water-districts/operations-manual/> which lists: IDWR's Water District Operations Manual including Part I: Introduction to Water Districts; Part II: Administrative Processes; Appendices; Watermaster Handbook; Idaho Open Meeting Law Manual; Idaho Statutes Pertaining to Canals and Laterals; Chapter 6, Title 42, Idaho Code and Idaho Ethics in Government Manual);

**Therefore** the proposed resolutions shall remain in effect until changed by subsequent resolutions or otherwise altered by a majority vote of the water right users in their annual meeting or special meeting called by the advisory committee for such purpose.

**Therefore Be it Resolved regarding Administration and Management: (ADOPTED 2023)**

1. Hold annual meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March.
2. Vote via majority vote with one (1) vote per water user (reference: Part II Water District Administrative Processes "Voting Method Majority Vote").
3. Joel Griffith be elected Watermaster for Water District 75F. Term of service to begin upon appointment by IDWR and continue until the next annual meeting or the appointment of a successor.
4. In addition to the duties listed in the above-mentioned Idaho codes, manuals and handbooks, the watermaster will also attend IDWR sponsored training, inventory diversion points, assist lateral managers and water users as they develop their water measurement/control plans for their common diversion and maintain a daily logbook for the documentation of hours worked and miles driven.
5. Joel Griffith will act as the treasurer for Water District 75F until a successor is elected or appointed.
6. Treasurer duties are listed in the above-mentioned Idaho codes, manuals and handbooks. Additionally, the treasurer will work to verify the mailing addresses of water right holders in the district since the current IDWR database will not accurately support the collection of district assessments.

7. Establish a Seven (7) member Advisory Committee comprised of the following 75F water users, selected at the annual meeting:

- 1) Janet Bloemeke – Gibbonsville
- 2) Ty Cole – North Fork
- 3) Mike England – North Fork
- 4) John Miller – North Fork
- 5) Dave Schuler – 4<sup>th</sup> of Juy Creek
- 6) Barry Klinger – Tower Creek
- 7) Arlen O'Brien – Tower Creek

The Advisory Committee shall select a representative for the District 170 Advisory Committee. (reference: Part II Water District Administrative Processes "Advisory Committee")

**And Therefor Be it Resolved regarding the Budget and Finances: (Adopted 2023)**

8. The annual budget for 2023 shall be:

Watermaster/Treasurer salary (fixed)	\$4,500.00
FICA/Medicare/Worker's Comp	\$540.00
Vehicle Mileage for watermaster	\$1500.00
Office Supplies	\$500.00
Field Supplies	\$150.00
Contingency	\$118.00
TOTAL	\$7,308.00

Note: Budget line items shown are estimates, actual line item costs may vary but the total water district expenditures shall not exceed \$7,308.00 during the fiscal year. Additionally, expenditures shall not exceed the sum of collected assessments for the year.

9. Since the district has no prior year water delivery records suitable for billing determinations, assessments for the first year shall be the same for each water user. Based on a budget of \$7,308.00 and 203 water users, each water user will be assessed \$36.00 (203 X \$36 = \$7,308.00)

**And Therefor Be it Resolved WD 75F: (Adopted 2023)**

10. Recommend to IDWR that a measurement order requiring headgates and measuring devices be enacted no earlier than 2025. Measuring devices must meet IDWR "Minimum Acceptable Standards and requirements for Open Channel and Closed Conduit Measuring Devices".
11. Recommend to IDWR that water users with a water right diversion rate  $\leq .24$  cfs and/or the total acres used is  $\leq 5$  acres are considered Minimum users and are exempt from the measurement requirement unless their water is delivered by a common diversion with a total diversion rate more than .24 cfs or 5 acres of use.
12. Recommend Lateral ditch users meet Idaho code regarding organizing and selecting a Lateral Manager per ID code 42-1301 which states (3) or more parties owning water rights from the same point of diversion shall be members of a water users' association known as "Lateral Water Users' Association." (reference: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/districts/2018-Canals-Laterals-Statutes.pdf> "Idaho Statutes Pertaining to Canals and Laterals" dated October 2018).
13. Advisory Committee will review the main stem Salmon River diversions within the boundaries of WD 75F and petition IDWR to change the description of 75F to include them.