



Lost Trail Water District 75F
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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
EASTERN REGION

2026 Adopted Budget

LINE	ITEM	AMOUNT
1	Watermaster \$27.50/HR pay rate, estimated total	(\$8,000.00)
2	Secretary/Treasurer Annual Salary	(\$1,250.00)
3	FICA – Social Security & Medicare	(\$710.00)
4	Mileage Reimbursement for Watermaster	(\$1,150.00)
5	Unemployment Insurance	(\$95.00)
6	Worker's Compensation Insurance	(\$425.00)
7	Office Supplies & Postage	(\$650.00)
8	PO Box	(\$95.00)
9	Field Supplies	(\$125.00)
10	SUBTOTAL (Operating Costs for 2026)	(\$12,500.00)
11	Bank balance carried over from fiscal year 2025	\$12,354.31
12	2026 Assessments	\$8,150.00
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14	TOTAL - End of Year Balance (2027)	\$8,004.31

Judy Schuler
Secretary/Treasurer

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LTWD 75F EXISTING RESOLUTIONS

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ADOPTED 2023

1. Hold annual meetings on the 2nd 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. In addition to the duties listed in 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.
4. Treasurer duties are listed in 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.
5. Establish a Seven (7) member Advisory Committee comprised of WD75F water users.
6. The Advisory Committee shall select a representative for the District 170 Advisory Committee.
7. 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).
8. 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".
9. Recommend to IDWR that water users with a water right diversion rate $\leq .24$ cfs and/or the total acres used is ≤ 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.
10. 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).
11. 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. (Letter sent to IDWR 12/28/2023.)

ADOPTED 2024

1. DISTRICT PAYMENT TERMS

- A. The annual assessment payment and any other billing is due within thirty (30) days; the postmark date will be considered the date of payment.
 - B. If the assessment payment is not received within 30 days, the water user shall be charged in accordance with Statute 42-613 which provides for a late fee of 10% of the amount due and interest of 1% per month.
 - C. Partial payments are not acceptable. If the late payment is not received within 30 days, the Treasurer will verify the mailing address before sending the water right owner a notice of pending termination of water delivery. The water right owner shall have thirty (30) days to remit the total payment due to avoid termination of water delivery.
 - D. When the late payment becomes past due, the Watermaster is advised and shall initiate the process of terminating the delivery of water to the water right owner *. At this point, a \$25.00 Watermaster Service Fee is added to the assessment.
 - E. When the treasurer receives the assessment payment, late fee/interest and \$25.00 Watermaster Service Fee, the Watermaster shall immediately take the actions necessary to restore water delivery to the water right owner.
 - F. Should a payment result in a returned or insufficient funds check, the original assessment plus applicable bank charges and any charges resulting from unmet district payment terms must be paid in cash, cashier's check or money order to avoid the termination of water delivery to the water right owner.
- * Prior to terminating the delivery of water, when the point of diversion is shared by other water users, the Lateral Manager shall be notified of the pending action. The Lateral Manager shall have the opportunity to deal with the matter, as deemed appropriate, before the Watermaster reduces delivery at the headgate.

2. USE OF REMOTE MONITORING TECHNOLOGY

- A. The district shall explore remote monitoring technology to include the use of cell phone applications such as Solocator. Using Solocator, Lateral Managers will be able to transmit measuring device data to the watermaster thus increasing data collection while reducing the watermaster's overall time in the field.

ADOPTED 2025

1. In accordance with Idaho Code § 18-4304, the Watermaster, Assistant Watermasters and WD75F Lateral Managers (with the Watermaster's consent) are the only people authorized to make headgate or controlling works adjustments. Lateral Managers shall contact the Watermaster prior to turning irrigation water into an irrigation ditch and upon making headgate or controlling works adjustments that alter the most recently measured and recorded water flow.
2. Water users associated with a Point of Diversion (POD), who fail to appoint a Lateral Manager, are subject to a monthly \$50.00 Watermaster Service Fee for Watermaster services that could have been performed by a Lateral Manager, other than the Watermaster's routine monthly measurement. The service fee will be prorated amongst the water users associated with the POD and added to the following year's annual assessment.
3. The watermaster will respond to headgate adjustment calls within 48 hours.
4. Future annual assessments will comply with Idaho Code § 42-610 and § 42-612, requiring proposed water district budgets and annual assessments to be prorated based on the amount of water delivered to the water user during the previous season(s). Prorated assessments will not be less than the approved minimum annual assessment. Proposed assessments will be available at the Annual Meeting for review before voting on the budget.

ADOPTED 2026

1. In addition to serving as advisors to the IDWR Director and WD75F Watermaster, Advisory Committee members may be called upon by water users for assistance concerning matters pertaining to, or potentially affecting, their water right(s) or application(s) for a water right. Any assistance involving attendance at official meetings, conferences or hearings must first be approved by the Advisory Committee. In this case, the Advisory Committee member will provide the Advisory Committee with periodic updates.

Judy Schulle
Secretary/Treasurer

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