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RE: Water Administrative Actions on July 24, 2025

Dear Water Users,

This letter is to inform you of the water diversion administrative actions that took place on July 24, 2025 after a call for water from Crooked River Ranches LLC, owners of water right 69-4103A with a priority date of April 4, 1888, the most senior right on Crooked River.

Upon arrival I recorded the measuring device for right 69-4103A at 0.85 cfs. This right authorizes a total of 3.38 cfs. I recorded the diversion for right 69-4103B, held by Moonshine Ventures LLC and with a priority date of April 1, 1955, at 1.34 cfs, and the diversion for right 69-4122, held by Jack and Ava Rubelt, priority date May 6, 1901, at 0.84 cfs.

In order to increase flows for the Crooked River Ranches right, I began by closing the headgate for the diversion for the Moonshine Ventures water right, the most junior right on the river. I was unable to close the headgate all the way due to some issue with the headgate, of which I was unable to determine. I left the headgate closed as far as it would go, and after some time of letting the water settle, I recorded this diversion at 0.21 cfs. The diversion at the Crooked River Ranches measuring device subsequently increased to 1.9 cfs.

I then closed the headgate for Jack and Ava Rubelt's right to a point where the measuring device recorded 0.21 cfs as well, as it was not prudent to close this headgate all the way when the Moonshine Ventures right, of which the Rubelt's right is senior to, is still receiving 0.21 cfs of diversion. Rather, it was more reasonable to set this headgate so that the flow matched that of Moonshine Ventures, for the time being.

After allowing time for flows to settle out, I recorded a final measurement of 2.4 cfs at the Crooked River Ranches diversion. Upon my leaving the site the three diversions were recorded as follows:

Crooked River Ranches LLC. right 69-4103A: **2.4 cfs**

Jack and Ava Rubelt right 69-4122: **0.21 cfs**

Moonshine Ventures LLC right 69-4103B: **0.21 cfs**

Please note that the Crooked River Ranches right 69-4103A is still not reaching it's full allotment of 3.38 cfs and that the total 0.21 cfs flowing through each of the other diversions would otherwise have been fully shut off had it not been for the issues with the most junior rights headgate. Moonshine Ventures LLC has been notified of this deficiency and, per the Measuring Device and Controlling Works Order and in accordance with Idaho code §42-701(3), they have been provided ten (10) days to alleviate the deficiency.

If you have further questions, please contact me at 208-334-2348.

Respectfully,



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