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Governor Brad Little

Director Mathew Weaver

July 23, 2026

TOM R NORRIS
104 W CHANNEL LANE
HAILEY, ID 83333-5034

Re: Change in Address Form for Water Rights 37-22847, 37-8916 & Water Permit 37-23368

Dear Mr. Norris:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) recently attempted to send you correspondence regarding Trust Water Rights within Water District 37. The correspondence was returned due to an outdated address. You indicated that your records with the Department need to be updated. It is important for you to have a current, valid address on record with IDWR, not only for Water District 37 matters, but also for your personal water rights (listed above).

If this (or another) address is your current mailing address, please complete the enclosed IDWR Change in Address form and return it to IDWR. Submitting the Change in Address form ensures IDWR's records are up-to-date and any future correspondence will reach you in a timely manner.

If you are no longer the owner of the above water rights, or if you have any questions regarding the change in address form or water right ownership, contact the IDWR Water Rights Section at 208-287-4800.

Sincerely,

Debra Mansfield
Technical Records Specialist

SUPPORT DATA
IN FILE # 37-8916

Enclosure:
Change in Address Form



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June 30, 2026

TOM R NORRIS

~~230 W WALNUT ST~~
HAILEY, ID 83333-8801

5034

104 W. Channel Lane

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Dear Mr Miller:

Please UPDATE my address
TO where I live I have
my water rights.
THANK YOU,
TR NORRIS

RE: Trust Water Curtailment Developments

Dear Water Right Holder(s),

On June 1, 2026, Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) mailed you a notice regarding the potential for curtailment of water rights authorized to divert Trust Water if the flow at the Murphy Gage does not meet an established minimum. I'm writing you with an important update.

Even if the minimum flow is not met, the Director will not pursue curtailment of Trust Water Rights to provide water to the Snake River at the Murphy Gage during the 2026 irrigation season. This decision reflects the Director's recognition of, and support for, very recent efforts of the parties to the Swan Falls Settlement to avoid curtailment this year and develop a more permanent resolution to future low-flow conditions.

I encourage you to review two letters received by the Department on June 26, 2026. Links and QR codes to copies of those letters are provided at the end of this letter for your reference. One is a letter from Idaho Power to Governor Little proposing a short-term solution for this season and advocating for longer-term solutions to provide a clearer path forward in future years.

The second letter is from Governor Little to the Idaho Water Resource Board supporting Idaho Power's proposal and asking the Board to 1) secure storage water to address this season's shortfall, if a shortfall occurs, and 2) facilitate development of a mitigation plan in which willing users can participate as an alternative to curtailment in future years.

Lastly, both Idaho Power and Governor Little recognize that long-term administration (even with an emphasis on methods other than curtailment) requires establishment of water districts. Water districts are the statutory entity legally authorized to administer the delivery of water in priority to water rights in Idaho and the Director is obligated to create them to administer adjudicated water rights. For areas that are not already within a water district, the Director's timetable for doing so in your area was within the next ten years. Given the Governor has now requested a schedule for doing so, and in recognition of the escalating need in these areas, the timeframe for incorporating all Trust Water Rights into water districts will be expedited.

In closing, curtailment to address the Swan Falls flows will not occur this year, but as Governor Little states in his letter, "this is a bridge, not a fix. This buys us time." The fix may arrive in the

coming years through development of mitigation opportunities and administrative structures. I encourage you to keep abreast of developments by monitoring our website: IDWR.Idaho.gov.

Sincerely,



Nick Miller
Water Administration Bureau Chief
Idaho Department of Water Resources

Letter References:

Letter from Governor Brad Little to Jeff Raybould, Chairman Idaho Water Resource Board *RE: Swan Falls Agreement – Minimum Stream Flows and a Path Forward for Trust Water Rights Holders* Dated June 26, 2026, 2 pages



<https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/20260626-Gov-Little-Ltr-to-Chair-Raybould-RE-Swan-Falls-Agreement-MSF-and-a-Path-Forward-for-TWR-Holders.pdf>

Letter from Idaho Power to Governor Brad Little *RE: Swan Falls* Dated June 22, 2026, 3 pages



<https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/20260622-IPC-ltr-to-Gov-Little-RE-Swan-Falls.pdf>