

Westra, John

From: Whitney, Rob
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 10:54 AM
To: Van Dyke, Nick
Cc: Westra, John; Luke, Tim
Subject: FW: Examining Cold Springs Creek Diversions - Character set not allowed

Nick,

See email below. We should discuss when you get a chance. I will provide a response once we have arrived at some conclusion as to what may be required. I get the impression that there is something more driving this request? Maybe not.

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From: Paula Riggs [<mailto:PRiggs@mountain-home.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 8:23 PM
To: Whitney, Rob
Cc: Richard Neal; Luke, Tim; Westra, John; Van Dyke, Nick
Subject: Re: Examining Cold Springs Creek Diversions - Character set not allowed

Rob,

Please send me a detailed report of the training, inspection locations and each of their results, along with any improvements that need to be done by any of the water users on Cold Springs Creek 61E prior to next years water season.

Thank you,

Paula Riggs
Secretary

On Jul 9, 2014, at 8:54 AM, "Whitney, Rob" <Rob.Whitney@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

Rich,

Thank you for touching base. In response to recent inquiries and the request by WD 61E for assistance and training (June 27, 2014 letter), IDWR would like to meet with you and evaluate the existing diversions (control structures and measuring devices) off Cold Springs Creek. Can you meet with us on Friday morning (July 11)? I left you a voice message as well.

Regards,

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From: Richard Neal [<mailto:tob1ask15172@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 12:04 PM
To: Whitney, Rob
Subject: Examining Cold Springs Creek.

Howdy Rob,

I received your voice message. This has been an interesting year as I have been making two calls a week for the past month or so. Last year Double Anchor (Riggs) didn't receive any water at all. This year they have had me come out once a week through April into May and then Charter Mountain (McCallum) requested I come out twice a week. Double Anchor has had minimal water until this week and contribute that to my being on top of what is happening on Cold Springs Creek. Double Anchor now has hired a water expert (Ed Squire) and a water attorney (Charles Hunsicker). I need to be brought up to date on just what they are contesting with each other. Every user except Mule Shoe and Charter Mountain have weirs and lockable gates. From a letter I received from IDWR it sounds like Mule shoe is perhaps putting in a diversion and as of next year hope to utilize their creek rights.

Since Charter Mountain Has installed their sophisticated water system, which I have been told was designed by IDWR, and are monitored only by magnetic meters there has been a constant suspicion that Charter Mountain is doing suspicious things through the manipulation of Cold Springs water in the mainlines. To add to this I now have to measure the bubble screen and calculate the flow and compare it to the magnetic meter readings. There is always a great discrepancy some of which is accounted for by return water bubbling back into the creek through the bubble screen. This problem could be solved if Charter Mountain would simply install a weir, like everybody else has, at the head of the creek. However they evidently have your blessing to be different and use the magnetic meters. These are lockable but just different. With the mis-trust among the users of how this system is being used and I having no knowledge of the systems design it has caused me a few headaches.

My call out yesterday found no water coming over Double Anchors weir and only 1.5 cfs calculated going through the bubble screen. So I am declaring that any further call outs by Double Anchor are futile calls.

The outcome of all of this is leading to next year all gates will be locked and the Water Master will be in control of their being changed. I would appreciate your coming so I can ask questions and we can find any changes to anybody's systems that might need implementing before next year. You might consider including Hunsicker and Squire and anybody representing Charter Mountain to come along. My time is flexible so you please choose a date and I will confirm it.

Best Regards,

Rich Neal WM Cold Springs Creek