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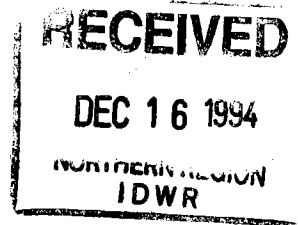
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Mildred Allen, President
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Dear Ms. Allen:

I wanted to take this opportunity to review some items relative to the flow recorder installed at Twin Lakes. The interest of the Association in continuing and helping with the readings also needs to be determined.

There has been a cooperative effort in getting a flow recorder installed at Twin Lakes. The Department of Water Resources has loaned the recorder. Rob James, who at the time was a grad student at Spokane Community College installed the recorder and is attempting to "rate the stream". The Forest Service has even offered to make available on loan a recorder that would be lower in maintenance.

So far, there has been little involvement on the part of members of the Twin Lakes Improvement Association. Without assistance, use of the recorder can not be continued.

The recorder was installed at the request and for the benefit of the lake property owners. It was agreed that once the recorder was installed, the Association would take responsibility of reading and maintaining it. Information from the recorder, in conjunction with snow course data, after five years would allow development of a lake management plan which would allow prediction of water runoff, storage needs, etc. In other words, more effective lake level management would be possible. The snow courses have been set up by the Soil Conservation Service and are read by local people.

Specifically, what is needed from the Twin Lakes Improvement Association is:

- 1) A person (volunteer) to check and change the paper in the flow recorder.

--the existing recorder would need this done once per week
--the Forest Service recorder, if used would only need
attention every few months.

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- 2) A person (volunteer) where needed to assist Rob James. This could include rating of the stream and resetting the inflow pipe.
- 3) We also need to continue to receive lake level information from Orland Pupo. We have not received this information for quite some time.

If you are interested in continuing use of the flow recorder, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Kim Golden
District Conservationist
Soil Conservation Service
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cc: Rob James, F.S.