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Idaho Department of Water Resources

Attention: Bob Foster

Re: Williams Creek 75-B, Highline Lateral Ditch Assoc., Rainbow Farms Ditch Co.

Dear Bob:

I am secretary of the above water districts. I have recently been criticized for trying to comply with the requirements set forth in handbook of the Idaho Dept. Of Water Resources as I interpret them.

I have received a letter from the IDWR requesting information pertaining to the water measurements. I have talked to you about water weirs that will work and as secretary to the ditch companies and also as the major water user, have started working on these measuring devices.

I have come under some criticism by the members of the ditch company claiming I am wasting their money and that the measuring devices are not really needed or that we can use existing culverts as measuring devices until the water judication act comes in 2005 or 2006.

I can find no instruction how to measure water in the handbook put out by the IDWR for structures or culverts which are now in place. I am also receiving letters from the IDWR asking me to send in the water measuring reports or books.

Bob, after talking to you on May 5, 2005, it seems that the members are right. The measuring devices are requested, not required.. The measuring device on Williams Creek that was required by the IDWR in 1990 to divide the water in Williams Creek and the high line ditch has been updated to meet the dimensions in the handbook.

Now, back to my original question, are water measuring devices requested or required? I would like to receive some information on what is required of these three ditches.

Sincerely,



Bill Gattung, Secretary-Treasurer of  
Rainbow Ditch Co., Williams Creek 75-B,  
Highline Lateral Ditch Co.

cc:IDWR of Idaho Falls, Idaho  
IDWR of Boise, Idaho  
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