

**GARDEN CREEK & CHALLIS CREEK**  
**WATER DISTRICT No. 72-A**  
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**TO ALL District 72-A WATER RIGHT OWNERS:**

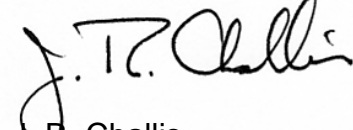
As you all probably noted in a recent mailing from IDWR (Idaho Department of Water Resources), a detailed Order Requiring Measuring Devices and Head Gates in Water District 170, Upper Salmon Water District (of which we are a sub-district), has finally been issued. While the vast majority of our diversions in both the Garden Creek and Challis Creek drainages are already in compliance, there are some which due to age and/or lack of repair are in need of replacement or significant maintenance to meet these requirements.

To avoid any potential delay or interruption in your water deliveries check your diversions closely as soon as the spring thaw allows. In order to achieve an accurate flow reading virtually all types of measuring devices need to be level and plumb. These devices are frequently shifted by the freezing ground so this should be checked annually. Head gates and measuring devices should also be evaluated for erosion around and/or under the devise as this too is oftentimes exacerbate by the freezing and thawing of multiple winters. If you are unsure of your situation let me know. I will schedule to meet with you and go over your diversion(s) as soon as possible.

Last season we had a couple diversions that had so much brush, trees and debris in and around the diversion it was all but impossible to get to the diversion head gate and/or measuring devise. Delivery of rights had to be delayed until the diversion was cleared by the water right owner(s). In order to avoid reoccurrence those water right owners using each diversion should clear such brush, deadfall and debris so access is not hampered in any way.

Please note your 2007 invoice for the upcoming irrigation season has been included on the reverse side of this letter.

Sincerely,  
Garden Creek & Challis Creek  
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J. R. Challis  
Watermaster