



State of Idaho

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Dear Bill,

Enclosed please find updated reports organized by source and priority for your reference. Generally, your deliveries will be limited to report 1.

John Westra would like to meet with you and investigate the upper river stretch to determine if some form of water measurement alternative is possible and if there is an easier/safer water measurement location available for future use. He will call you to schedule a visit.

For now, natural available flow must be measured and documented with the Swoffer current meter at the existing gage station. This irrigation season, I would like to be on site during your first measurement with the Swoffer current meter. Please contact me prior so that I can make arrangements to meet you at the gage station.

Once the reservoir water has been released, and when flows allow, at least six measurements need to be conducted at the gage station with the Swoffer current meter in August and September, ideally three per month. You will need to document your measurements and corresponding gage readings, then submit them to me by October 15th.

Tim Luke, Water Distribution Manager with IDWR, will then develop a rating table with your 2000 field measurements. The more data Tim has to work with, the more reliable the rating table will be. Tim will also compare the 2000 data to the data Richard collected in 1996 to see if the river's regime has changed significantly. A close correlation would signify little change, in which the Department may decide that the gage and most current rating table can be considered reliable enough to use for future measurements of natural flow. If approved, this would definitely be much safer and quicker for the Watermaster. In the event of a flood or other such devastation that might significantly change the river's flow regime, the calibration process would need to be repeated.

Please remember that the more data and field notes a Watermaster takes, the better protected he or she is, especially in a "water short" year. Good Watermaster field notes are also very important for water disputes where IDWR must get involved.


As you and Whitney requested, a list of the permit water rights and their cfs amounts that have been recommended for licensing is also enclosed. Please adjust your records accordingly once we send you the approved licenses.

Also enclosed are a few "Change in Ownership" forms that are necessary for new property owners to get their acquired water rights listed in their name. This will help keep IDWR records and your records current.

In regards to the "dishonesty bond", John Westra confirmed that Idaho Code covers the Watermaster **and** Treasurer. Consequently, the \$100 "dishonesty bond" for the Treasurer is not necessary and can be eliminated from the Districts expenses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at this office.

Sincerely,


Lori Graves
Sr. Agent, Water Allocations

Encl: reports, permit list, forms

Cc: Whitney Voermans