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RE: Request for Review of Flood Control Curve for Cascade Reservoir

Dear Jerry and Rick:

During the last two meetings of the Advisory Board for Payette River Water District #65, there has been discussion regarding the adequacy of the flood control curve for Cascade Reservoir. The curve was developed during the 1970s and there is a concern that an update for the curve is warranted. Accordingly, this letter serves as a formal request to the Bureau of Reclamation to initiate a review of the flood control curve for Cascade Reservoir, and this also might be an appropriate time to review any such curve relative to Deadwood Reservoir.

As a recommendation, I would suggest that review of the flood control curves be initiated at a meeting with selected representatives of the Water District #65 Advisory Board and with representatives from this Department. We are suggesting that such a meeting be conducted on Friday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Water District office in Payette. Such a meeting could serve as a forum to discuss the plan for development of the existing curve, and a process for updating this curve. The intent is to have a new curve in place prior to the completion of the 1994 irrigation season.

We would also like to utilize the meeting to discuss the allocation of distribution losses in the Payette River system. We need to determine for the computerized accounting system how to charge for flows that are delivered from storage but are not diverted from the river. For example, there will be times when more flow than the Watermaster has ordered is passing Black Canyon Dam. There will also be times when portions of the flow ordered at Black Canyon Dam is not diverted in the reach Black Canyon Dam to Seven Mile Slough. We need to work out a standard technique for accounting for such flows.

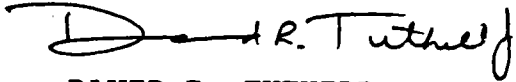
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I look forward to meeting with you and your staff, Bob Sutter of this office, the Watermaster and members of the Advisory Board later this month to work on these issues.

Sincerely,



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