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June 24, 1994

Ms. Helen Bivins
Watermaster, Water District 65, Payette River Basin
102 North Main
Payette, ID 83661

RE: Water District 65 Reservoir Operations

Dear Helen:

I am in receipt of a letter dated June 16, 1994 from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in the above-referenced matter. It appears from the letter that you were sent a copy.

Because the letter proposes a major change in the way reservoir releases are determined and ordered, I believe that it would be beneficial for the Water District 65 Advisory Board to discuss the letter and the ramifications of implementing the proposed change prior to the Department preparing a response to the letter. Accordingly, I would request that this matter be added as an agenda item to the Advisory Board meeting that has been slated to be held at 7:00 pm on July 14th in Payette.

By copy of this letter I request that the BOR attend the Advisory Board meeting, and make a presentation regarding the pros and cons of making the proposed change.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Tuthill, Jr." The signature is written in black ink.

David R. Tuthill, Jr., P.E.
Manager, Western Regional Office

cf w/copy of BOR ltr: Jerrold Gregg, BOR
Bob Sutter and Norm Young, IDWR State Office



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Mr. Dave Tuthill
Manager, Western Regional Office
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise, Idaho 83705-5082

Subject: Water District 65 Reservoir Operations

Dear Mr. Tuthill:

The Bureau of Reclamation recommends that the Watermaster of Water District 65 assume responsibility for determining the total reservoir system release from Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs. With adoption of this proposal the Watermaster would order the combined release necessary from Cascade and Deadwood reservoir from Reclamation personnel at Black Canyon Dam.

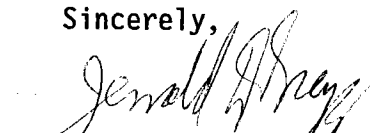
It is proposed that Reclamation continue to order releases at the respective dams and determine the distribution of the release between Cascade and Deadwood reservoirs. Reclamation would retain responsibility for ordering the reservoir system releases associated with flood control operations or any emergency situation as determined by Reclamation's Area Manager. Furthermore, Reclamation would insure that reservoir operations conform to the requirements of the Standing Operating Procedures of Cascade and Deadwood Reservoir.

Except as noted above the Watermaster would assume full responsibility for ordering the reservoir system release and Reclamation personnel would not change reservoir release rates unless ordered by the Watermaster.

Presently there is some confusion as to the authority and responsibility of the Watermaster and Reclamation water operations personnel. Also, if Reclamation continues to operate the reservoir system for irrigation deliveries it is anticipated that there will continue to be concern as to the cause and accounting of operational waste or other operational difficulties. If the irrigators are operating the system most of these concerns should be allayed.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal please contact Rick Wells or myself. We would like to meet with you and members of Water District 65 soon to discuss these proposed operational changes.

Sincerely,


Jerrold D. Gregg
Area Manager

cc: Water District 65 Watermaster