

PAYETTE WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
July 14, 1994

Cascade storage	504,441 af
Deadwood storage	108,442 af
Payette storage	32,100 af
Cascade release	2,000 cfs
Deadwood release	800 cfs

Cascade and Deadwood releases will remain at 2,000 and 800 cfs respectively until 62,000 af of uncontracted storage is released for salmon flow augmentation. Volume of flow augmentation will be determined by flow passing Letha in excess of 135 cfs.

Upon completion of salmon water releases the reservoir releases will be reduced to the level required to meet irrigation water orders.

The most recent computer model run indicates that the water supply is sufficient to meet the 30 year average irrigation demand. Some exchange of water between districts may be necessary for all irrigators to have a full irrigation season.

Current natural inflows are very low, comparable or slightly lower than 1992 flows at this same time. These low flow rates have been used in the computer model.

Both Cascade and Deadwood reservoirs are expected to be drafted to minimum pool levels by the end of irrigation season.

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WATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

July 18, 1994

MR BOB SUTTER

DEAR BOB,

AT OUR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 14 DAVE TUTHILL EXPLAINED WHY LOWER PAYETTE DITCH COMPANY'S CARRYOVER WATER IN CASCADE RESERVOIR HAD SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED. I WAS APPALLED THAT YOU FELT YOU HAD THE POWER TO SIMPLY CANCEL OUT 5,208 AF OF THE DITCH COMPANY'S WATER. THIS ACTION CUTS TO THE CORE OF THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE LAKES AT McCALL AND CAN NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND.

THROUGH THE YEARS WE HAVE DEVELOPED A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A GOOD LEVEL OF WATER IN PAYETTE LAKE SO THAT BOATING AND OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION ARE NOT ADVERSLY AFFECTED. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE WATER LEVEL EVEN DURING THE DROUGHT YEARS. THE OPTION OF BEING ABLE TO DRAW FROM OUR STORAGE SPACE IN CASCADE RESERVOIR AND THEN PARTIALLY REPLACE IT LATER IN THE SEASON WITH WATER FROM McCALL IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PART OF THE OPERATION. IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE RECREATION THAT IS DEPENDANT ON PAYETTE LAKE IT WOULD BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO TAKE ALL OF THE "FISH FLUSH" WATER FROM McCALL SINCE THOSE RESERVOIRS NEVER FAIL TO FILL. THIS WATER HAD TO BE RELEASED AT A TIME THAT WOULD HAVE MADE THE LAKE UNUSABLE FOR MUCH OF THE SUMMER. WE CHOSE TO RELEASE WATER FROM CASCADE AND THEN BRING WATER DOWN FROM McCALL LATER IN THE SEASON TO PARTIALLY REFILL THE STORAGE SPACE. THIS SEEMED TO BE A COMMON SENSE WAY OF PROVIDING SOME WATER FOR THE SALMON RECOVERY EFFORT THAT WOULD STILL LEAVE US WITH A LITTLE RESERVE OF STORAGE WATER IN CASCADE. BEFORE WE DID THIS I MADE A POINT OF MEETING WITH DAVE TUTHILL AND EXPLAINED TO HIM WHAT OUR PLANS WERE SO THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING. THE RECORDS SHOW THAT THE WATER WAS RELEASED TO CASCADE, IT WAS TREATED AS CASCADE WATER WHEN THE DEDUCTIONS WERE MADE FOR THE WINTER FLOOD CONTROL RELEASE BY THE BOR, AND THE RECORDS SHOW A CARRYOVER OF 5,208 AF AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 1994 STORAGE SEASON. YOUR ATTEMPT AT MAKING A PAPER TRANSFER THAT PLACES THE WATER BACK IN PAYETTE LAKE DOES NOT ALTER THE FACT THAT THE WATER IS IN CASCADE RESERVOIR. I AM SUPPOSING THAT SINCE YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO CANCEL OUT LOWER PAYETTE DITCH COMPANY'S RIGHT TO THE WATER YOU ALSO INTEND TO ALLOW THE ACTUAL WATER TO ACCRUE TO THE BOR STORAGE WATER.

WE CAN NOT ALLOW OUR OPERATING PROGRAM AT THE PAYETTE LAKE TO BE GUTTED BY SUCH ARBITRARY ACTION AND INTEND TO DO WHATEVER IS REQUIRED TO SEE THAT THIS IS REVERSED. IF NECESSARY WE WILL TAKE IT TO THE PEOPLE AT McCALL AND ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

SINCERELY,



CECIL SHURTLEFF

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WATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

July 8, 1994

MR. BOB SUTER
DEAR BOB,

IN REVIEWING THE JUNE 29 WATER REPORT I FIND THAT LOWER PAYETTE DITCH CO IS NOT BEING GIVEN CREDIT FOR ALL THE STORAGE WATER THAT IT ACTUALLY HAS. I WILL USE YOUR FIGURES TO COMPILE OUR TOTAL, HOWEVER I THINK THEY MAY BE TOO LOW.

WE ENTERED THE 1994 STORAGE SEASON WITH 5208 AF OF WATER IN OUR STORAGE SPACE AT CASCADE. THIS WAS 1993 WATER BROUGHT DOWN FROM OUR McCALL STORAGE TO PARTIALLY REFILL OUR CASCADE STORAGE SPACE. 5208 AF WAS THE WATER REMAINING AFTER THE 1993 DEDUCTIONS FOR THE WINTER FLOOD CONTROL RELEASE. YOUR REPORT SHOWS 1138.8 AF OF ACCUMULATED WATER FOR LOWER PAYETTE IN THE UPPER LAKES AND 4861.8 AF IN PAYETTE LAKE. THE REPORT SHOWS ONLY 924.2 AF FOR LOWER PAYETTE IN CASCADE. YOU HAVE PROBABLY TAKEN SOME EVAPORATION LOSS AND MAY HAVE DEDUCTED THE 5000 AF THAT WE PROPOSE LEASING TO THE RENTAL POOL. THEN IN THE WATER BANK COLUMN THE PROGRAM READS THE MINUS SIGN IN FRONT OF THE 5000 AF AND DEDUCTS IT AGAIN. YOUR TOTAL AFTER 3% OPERATION LOSS SHOWS ONLY 1867 AF. PLEASE REVIEW THE FIGURES BELOW. I THINK YOU WILL AGREE THAT THE REPORT IS NOT CORRECT.

5,208	AF CARRYOVER IN CASCADE
1,812.1	AF NEW FILL IN CASCADE
1,138.8	AF NEW FILL UPPER LAKES
4,861.8	AF NEW FILL PAYETTE LAKE

13,020.7	AF TOTAL
-5,000	AF TO WATER BANK

8,020.7	AF NET TOTAL

WITHOUT EVAPORATION OR OPERATION LOSS.

THERE WILL NEED TO BE SOME EXTRA ACCOUNTING FOR THE LAKE RESERVOIR MEMBERS THIS YEAR. ON SHORT WATER YEARS LOWER PAYETTE DITCH CO. COMBINES THE WATER FROM CANYON D.D.#1, GRAVEYARD GULCH, AND THE UNNAMED STREAM, THEN CAPTURES THIS WATER AT THEIR RIVER DIVERSION. THE LAKE RESERVOIR CO. OWNS THE STREAM DIVERSION FACILITIES AND HAS THE ORIGINAL FILING ON THESE WATERS. LOWER PAYETTE ALSO HAS FILINGS THERE IN ADDITION TO LAKE RESERVOIR. BY AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, WHEN LOWER PAYETTE DIVERTS THIS WATER THEIR STORAGE WATER AT McCALL IS DIVIDED AMONG THE OTHER MEMBER COMPANIES. DAVE TUTHILL IS FAMILIAR WITH THIS EXCHANGE AND IT IS ALLOWED BY THE STATE WATER LICENSE. WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE PERCENTAGES BY WHICH THE DISTRIBUTION IS MADE. THE ONLY WATER THAT LOWER PAYETTE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE FOR THE RENTAL POOL WILL NEED TO COME FROM THE CASCADE STORAGE.

SINCERELY,


CECIL SHURTLEFF