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October 20, 1994

Mr. James Spencer  
Idaho Region Engineer, Boise Cascade  
Timber and Wood Products Group  
P.O. Box 217  
Emmett, ID 83617

RE: Measuring Device on Diversion from Payette River

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Thank you for attending the meeting here today with other waterusers on the Smith Ditch. I believe that we all learned more about Smith Ditch operations via the discussions.

The purpose of this letter is to advise Boise Cascade that it appears a measuring device will be needed in the ditch just downstream from the first return flow point to the river, above the point where Boise Cascade diverts from the ditch for plant use. This is the location where Water District 65 is charging for flows this year and in future years, and our 1994 technique of conducting periodic flow measurements using a current meter is expensive and not conducive to a multi-year operation.

As I mentioned, Water District 65 is presently offering to pay up to 50% of the measuring device installation cost. While there has been no Department of Water Resources Order requiring the installation of measuring devices, we seem to be moving in that direction on a statewide basis. If such an order is issued it will be unlikely that matching funding will be available to satisfy all resulting demands.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please advise Mr. Luke of our State Office at 327-7864 if you desire assistance in siting or selecting a measuring device.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Tuthill, Jr.".

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

cc: Tim Luke, Bob Sutter, IDWR  
Helen Bivins, Watermaster

Smith Ditch Meeting

10/20/94

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
TONY STEENKOLK	BOISE CASCADE
BOB SUTTER	IDWR
E & Vogel	SMITH DITCH
Katherine Vogel	
King J. [unclear]	UNIMIN
John E. Smith	Smith Ditch
<del>Frank [unclear]</del>	Smith Ditch
C. James Spencer	Boise Cascade
Tim Luke	IDWR
Dave Tutthill	IDWR

Smith Ditch Mtng Notes

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Smith

Stenbaugh

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1.86 cfs

Boise Cascade 1916

1984

~~1884~~

Smith

1984

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Smith

1984

1988

Union

[ Meas device needed at upstream end.

Boise Cascade will pay all storage costs for this year —  
they benefitted from fire flows.



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October 28, 1994

Mr. Jim Baggs  
Idaho Power Company  
P.O. Box 70  
Boise, ID 83702

RE: Request for Power Usage Information

Dear Jim:

Our office is again assisting the Payette River Water District with computerizing their water delivery records. One aspect of this project is to determine the impacts of small irrigation pumping operations. These operations, which typically irrigate from one to a hundred acres, have little impact individually but when combined are likely significant.

As with last year, it would be expensive to measure and monitor each pumping plant so we are investigating methods of simulating their pumping operations in our computerized system. The 1993 information that your organization supplied was helpful in preparing this simulation. The purpose of this letter is to request the assistance of your office again this year in compiling these data.

We are planning to apply this technique to the billing system for the 1994 water year, so it would be very beneficial if we could obtain this information (for April through August or September) within the next two weeks. Thanks for your assistance, and please feel free to call me at 334-2190 if you desire additional information about this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Dave'.

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

cc: Bob Sutter  
Helen Bivins