



State of Idaho

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**DIRK KEMPTHORNE**  
Governor

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Director

Allen Ellis  
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Re: Measuring Device & Headgate

Dear Mr. Ellis:

In the spring of 2001, you were served with an order signed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) requiring the construction/installation of locking headgates and measuring devices acceptable to IDWR.

On July 19, 2002, I inspected the points of diversion on the Little Weiser River with regards to wateruser compliance with the IDWR order. This letter is to advise you that the orifice structure installed on the Underwood Ditch, that serves as an off-stream headgate and measuring device, was not adequately constructed. Currently, the structure is backwards and cannot be used as a measuring device because the headgate needs to be located upstream, behind the orifice, to create a head differential.

Please be aware that the watermaster has the authority to not deliver your irrigation water until an adequate structure is installed. Robin Hadeler, with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) stated that he would be willing to help you properly install the structure. His phone number is 549-4280.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Graves".

Lori Graves  
Sr. Water Resource Agent