

**Idaho Water Users Association
Awards Nomination Form**

Nominee's Name: Helen Bivins
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Nominated for a Special Award for Outstanding Service

Helen Bivins has provided outstanding service to the waterusers in the Payette River Basin for 15 years. Her initial role was as secretary and office manager for the Lower Payette Ditch Company and Lake Reservoir Company. When the office began to serve Farmers Cooperative Ditch Company she assumed similar responsibilities for this company. Her water office evolved into a central information source for water issues in the lower Payette River valley, and eventually her office provided organizational services for four large and eight small irrigation companies. When the Payette River Water District 65 was formed in 1990 she was elected as the first Watermaster, and has served in that role continuously since that date in addition to her other duties. In 1993 she became the first woman Director of the Idaho Water Users Association. In fulfillment of her many duties, Helen often worked on nights and weekends, communicating with waterusers and the public, and ensuring that river operations ran as smoothly as possible. Beginning in 1995 her duties are being divided into two full time positions, and a full time watermaster will be hired. Her participation in water delivery operations will be desired for many more years, and this special award recognizes her continual willingness to serve the needs of waterusers in the Payette River valley.

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