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WATER DISTRICT NO. 65

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August 21, 1995

Mr. Mark Dawson, Manager
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Dear Mark:

Yesterday, Sunday, August 20, 1995, I visited with you concerning certain flow disruptions experienced by the Black Canyon Dam operator on duty. You indicated that these flow disruptions were caused by your plant shutting off your generators as well as the canal headgates due to a leak in the liner of the canal. Flows at Black Canyon Dam dropped from 871 cfs to 511 cfs between noon and 2:30 p.m., and the lake elevation dropped from 2,497.50 to 2,497.42 during that time. This drop in river flow and lake elevation caused disruptions in the delivery of irrigation water to users on the Payette River. My letter of August 2, 1995, advised you that major disruptions in flows on the Payette River caused by your operations would not be tolerated during irrigation season. Now that this has happened a second time, my only choice is to call a meeting with you and your personnel, as well as with affected users on the river, to discuss alternative procedures in an attempt to eliminate any flow disruptions in the future.

I have taken the liberty of setting this meeting for Friday, August ²⁵~~28~~, at 1:30 p.m. here in my Payette office at 102 N. Main St. If you have further questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Mark Limbaugh, Watermaster

- cc Mr. Brick, Andrew, WD65
- Mr. Dave Tuthill, IDWR
- Ms. Sheri Howe, IDWR
- Mr. Rick Walls, BOR
- Black Canyon Dam Operators
- Black Canyon Irrigation District
- Emmett Irrigation District
- Farmer's Co-op Irrigation Company
- Noble Ditch Company
- Lower Payette Ditch Company