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NOTICE OF CANCELATION OF BOARD MEETING

The August 12, 1996, Advisory Board meeting has been canceled. The next meeting will be held on September 9, 1996, in the Payette offices. There is, however, one issue which needs to be given some thought prior to the next board meeting. One issue we face in September is the drop in river flows at Emmett when irrigation demand diminishes and the releases from the reservoirs are decreased. Last year, several of the irrigation companies and districts, along with the Bureau of Reclamation, donated storage water in order that flows at Emmett would not fall below 500 cfs. This seemed to work out very well, and the press releases associated with this donation generated positive public relations for all companies and districts involved. My advice is for the various companies and districts to continue, on an annual basis, to maintain flows at Emmett at a minimum of 500 cfs during the fall months prior to irrigation shut down. Originally, the Water District planned to operate the river extremely tight during these months, since the rented salmon flows would be completed at the end of August, and there was some question as to the actual operational flow at Letha, currently set at 135 cfs. This question has been resolved through the efforts of the District, Idaho Power Company and the IDWR. It was decided that any storage flows above 135 cfs at Letha were considered rental salmon flows, and would be charged to the rental pool as out of basin use. I will be contacting the companies and districts involved in last year's donation for a decision on what to do this year.

If you have further questions please give me a call. Otherwise, I will see you on Monday, September 9, 1996 at the next Advisory Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Mark Limbaugh