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MARION OLSON, WATERMASTER  
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CLIFTON ID 83228

RE: Watermaster Listing and Notice of Change in Ownership

Dear Mr. Olson:

In response to our telephone conversation earlier this week, I reviewed the original Oxford Creek Decree (Eaton v. Fisher, 1888) and found in the decree itself a stipulation that parties were responsible for installing "... suitable boxes and gates for the proper distribution..of the waters...". The Department may also issue a supplemental Order requiring the installation of measuring devices. I cannot find such an Order on file.

Enclosed is a listing of rights from Oxford Creek and related tributaries. Unfortunately, all rights except those used by Hatch are still recorded in the names of the original decreed water users, so this listing may not be any more current than the one you are presently using.

In my letter to Watermasters, dated June 22, 2000, I discussed briefly a legal requirement for all water users in the state to provide notice of current water right ownership to the Department. This requirement formerly applied only to users whose rights were included in the Snake River Basin Adjudication, but has now been extended to cover all areas of the state.

The Department and the Water District would both benefit from the timely filing of Notices in Change in Ownership on Oxford Creek. I have enclosed some filing forms and would like to ask that you make them available to water users and advise that the filing is mandatory. If there are questions, I may be reached in Boise at 208-327-5406. Questions may also be referred to the Eastern Region Office in Idaho Falls at 208-525-7161.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Hodges*

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