



State of Idaho  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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EASTERN REGION

December 18, 1998

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GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER  
DIRECTOR

LOLA DAWN HERNANDEZ  
350 SOUTH 700 WEST  
BLACKFOOT, ID. 83221

WATER DISTRICT #27  
STREAM: BLACKFOOT RIVER

Dear Ms. Hernandez:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Watermaster's Annual Report for the past season.

The same has been prepared by the watermaster and approved by this Department in conformity with Sections 42-610, 42-614 and 42-615, Idaho Code.

During the 1993 legislative session, the legislature enacted a new law which amends Section 42-619(9), Idaho Code and removes the independent financial audit requirement for most state water districts. The new law, referenced by Section 67-450B, Idaho Code (copy enclosed) identifies minimum audit requirements for all local government entities. Under the new statute, the governing body of any local government entity (i.e.; water district) whose annual budget does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) has no minimum audit requirements under this section. This means that any district which handles its own money and whose budget is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less does not have to have an independent public account firm conduct a financial audit every few years as previously required by Section 42-619(9).

Please note that only the statutory requirement regarding the independent financial audit has been changed. Districts handling their own fund (i.e.; districts who collect and/or disburse their own funds) must still submit their own statement of the water district's financial affairs at the end of each fiscal year. As recommended in the Department's February 16, 1993 letter and the 1993 Watermaster Handbook, a copy of the financial statement may be

submitted either with the annual water masters report or with the minutes of the annual meeting for the ensuing year. An example of an annual financial statement may be found in Appendix C of the 1993 Watermaster Handbook.

The purpose of this letter is to remind all water districts that workers compensation insurance is required for all water district employees. This requirement applies to all water districts in Idaho, regardless of annual budget. Insurance should be applicable at least to all paid water district staff, including the watermaster as well as watermaster assistants, advisory committee, secretary and treasurer. The costs associated with workers compensation insurance is paid directly by the water district and should be considered an expense of the district. For information about obtaining insurance costs etc., please contact the Idaho State Insurance Fund. The State Insurance Fund has offices in Boise, Couer d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls. Water Districts are also reminded that all paid water district staff may be subject to state and federal taxes. These tax requirements will vary depending on salaries and total income of each watermaster or employee. In many water districts, particularly smaller districts with part-time staff, payment of watermaster or each employee. Districts may wish to contact the State Tax Commission or the Internal Revenue Service for information about state and federal withholding taxes.

Sincerely,

*Harold W. Jones/dn*

Harold W. Jones  
Water Right Supervisor

HWJ:dn

Enclosure

(This report must be made in Triplicate and forwarded to the Department of Water Resources, Boise Idaho for Approval.)

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# Watermaster's Report

From 15 April, 1998 To 15 October, 1998

Water District No. 27

Name of Watermaster: John H. Davidson

PO Address: PO Box 8, Firth, Idaho 83236

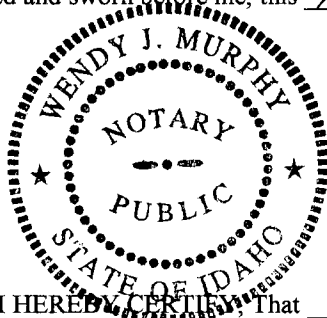
## Affidavit of Watermaster

STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF BINGHAM } ss.

John H. Davidson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster on the Blackfoot River in District 27, having been lawfully appointed by the Director, Department of Water Resources \_\_\_\_\_ and that the volumes of water, stated in this report, prorated by him to the several users, are correct.

John H. Davidson  
Watermaster District No. 27

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998



Wendy J. Murphy  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 6/23/00  
Idaho Falls  
Boise, Idaho, \_\_\_\_\_, 1998

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That \_\_\_\_\_ was lawfully appointed by me Watermaster of District No. \_\_\_\_\_, and that his bill for services rendered prorated to the several users, as herein sworn to, is to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Department of Water Resources  
By Ronald Blank

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# **1998 Watermaster's Final Report**

**10 December, 1998**

***Respectfully Submitted  
by John H. Davidson***

### Bingham County Owners & Ditches Summary

Owners & Ditches	24-Hour Sec-Ft.	Total Cost	Adopted Budget	Credits	Debits
Belnap, Vera P.	68	\$22.05	\$36.87	\$14.82	\$0.00
Butler, Susan	50	\$16.16	\$26.18	\$10.01	\$0.00
Central Ditch	2076	\$671.13	\$847.75	\$176.62	\$0.00
Chesterfield L&L	90	\$29.10	\$28.16	\$0.00	\$0.93
Circle 2 Bar Ranch	60	\$19.40	\$24.64	\$5.24	\$0.00
Eastern Idaho Water	7373	\$2,383.56	\$2,654.41	\$270.85	\$0.00
Fielding, Arvel	143	\$46.38	\$104.07	\$57.69	\$0.00
Fielding, Bryce	296	\$95.73	\$108.85	\$13.12	\$0.00
Frandsen, Dennis	65	\$21.01	\$23.91	\$2.89	\$0.00
Gardner, Bonnie	171	\$55.12	\$95.91	\$40.79	\$0.00
Hamilton, Layne	25	\$8.08	\$23.91	\$15.83	\$0.00
Steffler, Brent	10	\$3.23	\$23.91	\$20.67	\$0.00
Jensen, Ron	0	\$0.00	\$23.91	\$23.91	\$0.00
Lambert Produce	0	\$0.00	\$23.91	\$23.91	\$0.00
Little Butte Canal Co	3598	\$1,163.17	\$1,208.66	\$45.49	\$0.00
Lyon, Steve	154	\$49.67	\$77.67	\$28.01	\$0.00
Miner Ditch Co	3380	\$1,092.69	\$1,163.58	\$70.89	\$0.00
Telford, Wayne	30	\$9.70	\$23.91	\$14.21	\$0.00
Packer, Merrill	168	\$54.31	\$76.47	\$22.16	\$0.00
Powell, Neal	120	\$38.79	\$40.37	\$1.58	\$0.00
Pratt, Eldro	100	\$32.33	\$26.49	\$0.00	\$5.84
Pratt, Gary	80	\$25.86	\$24.32	\$0.00	\$1.54
Pratt, Mark	80	\$25.86	\$24.32	\$0.00	\$1.54
Rawlings Creek L&L	95	\$30.71	\$67.84	\$37.13	\$0.00
Reid, Casey	290	\$93.67	\$166.80	\$73.13	\$0.00
Reid, Fred	450	\$145.56	\$176.86	\$31.30	\$0.00
Reid, Paul	499	\$161.24	\$169.39	\$8.15	\$0.00
Reid, Robert	287	\$92.70	\$142.79	\$50.08	\$0.00
Reid, Wallace	144	\$46.63	\$82.42	\$35.79	\$0.00
Riverton Ditch Co	2340	\$756.48	\$1,076.83	\$320.35	\$0.00
Smith Maxwell Ditch Co	504	\$162.93	\$80.03	\$0.00	\$82.91
Stevens Ditch	879	\$284.17	\$540.94	\$256.78	\$0.00
Stolworthy, Ltd	150	\$48.49	\$58.36	\$9.87	\$0.00
Taney, Pat	60	\$19.40	\$23.91	\$4.51	\$0.00
Vandersloot Farms	6	\$2.05	\$40.81	\$38.77	\$0.00
Walker, Marion	50	\$16.10	\$63.56	\$47.47	\$0.00
Walloby's Retreat	60	\$19.40	\$23.91	\$4.51	\$0.00
Wernette, Florian	85	\$27.56	\$39.31	\$11.75	\$0.00
Whitten, Francis	280	\$90.52	\$96.30	\$5.78	\$0.00
Winding Brook	17	\$5.51	\$14.81	\$9.30	\$0.00
Young, Adrian	130	\$42.03	\$40.37	\$0.00	\$1.66
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24463</b>	<b>\$7,908.47</b>	<b>\$9,617.42</b>	<b>\$1,803.37</b>	<b>\$94.41</b>

## Caribou County Owners & Ditches Summary

Owner or Ditch	24-Hour Sec-Ft.	Total Cost	Adopted Budget	Credits	Debits
Allen, Preston	275	\$88.90	\$86.95	\$0.00	\$1.95
Allen, Roland	350	\$113.15	\$65.19	\$0.00	\$47.96
Anderson, Clyde	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Bearlake Grazing	160	\$51.73	\$43.07	\$0.00	\$8.66
Beckstead, D.W.	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Bennett, Joyce	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Blotter & Stucki	95	\$30.71	\$28.16	\$0.00	\$2.55
Blotter, P.T.	310	\$100.22	\$23.91	\$0.00	\$76.31
Cellen, Tom	0	\$0.00	\$23.91	\$23.91	\$0.00
Chester, Tom	145	\$46.88	\$53.95	\$7.08	\$0.00
Conda Partnership	100	\$32.33	\$38.91	\$6.58	\$0.00
Dredge, Calvin	140	\$45.26	\$32.56	\$0.00	\$12.70
Enders, Cleve	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Harris Bros.	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Hubbard, Alma	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Idaho Fish & Game	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Jouglard Sheep Co	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Lake & Ellis	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Lake & Ellis, Inc	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Lloyd, Grant	0	\$0.00	\$23.91	\$23.91	\$0.00
Monsanto Chemical	305	\$98.60	\$116.73	\$18.12	\$0.00
Oleson, Lila	20	\$6.47	\$10.64	\$4.18	\$0.00
Rasmussen, Lynn	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
Rhone-Paulenc	305	\$98.60	\$116.73	\$18.12	\$0.00
Thompson, Sydney	120	\$38.79	\$56.53	\$17.74	\$0.00
Wallentine Family, Ltd	120	\$38.79	\$28.35	\$0.00	\$10.44
White, L.W.	20	\$6.47	\$23.91	\$17.44	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2685</b>	<b>\$868.01</b>	<b>\$1,036.38</b>	<b>\$328.94</b>	<b>\$160.58</b>

Summary of Expenses		
Watermaster		\$12,000.00
		\$0.00
Other Expense		\$11,291.20
<b>Total Cost:</b>		<b>\$23,291.20</b>
Ft Hall Project at	60%	\$13,974.72
Caribou & Bingham County at	40%	\$9,316.48
- Minimums		\$540.00
<b>Total Cost: Caribou &amp; Bingham Co</b>		<b>\$8,776.48</b>
Total 24-Hr Sec Ft Delivered:		27,148
Cost Per 24-Hr Sec Ft		\$0.323

Detail of Watermasters 1998 Expenses	
Watermaster's Salary	\$12,000.00
Workman's Comp	\$915.34
Secretary	\$150.00
Misc	\$680.00
Caribou Collection Fees	42.58
Milage	\$5,500.00
FICA	\$918.00
Ft Hall Expense	\$3,085.28
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$23,291.20</b>