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Rep. Bert Marley
8806 S. Old Highway
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Re: Requested Information – Portneuf River

Dear Representative Marley,

Last August I sent you correspondence indicating that the Department would send you additional information concerning potential scope and costs for a water study in the Upper Portneuf River area that might address river reach gains/losses as well as ground and surface water relationships. Enclosed are several documents related to this issue. I apologize for the delay in getting this information to you. The attached information includes:

- IDWR Decision Unit (DU) request for a study of the Portneuf River. This DU was submitted to the Governor's office in September. The request seeks funds to contract with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and/or a private consultant to complete a study.
- Study objective and approach proposed by the USGS: 'Surface and Ground Water Interaction and Streamflow Depletion in the Upper Portneuf River Basin, Idaho'. This USGS proposal includes matching federal funds.
- 'Portneuf River Reach Gains Review'. A summary of Portneuf River reach gains from 1992 through 1998, prepared by IDWR using water delivery records as reported by the Water District 29 Watermaster.
- IDWR Memorandum: Ground Water Characterization Map and Summary for the Upper Portneuf River Area.

The latter two documents above provide some technical data that support further study of the Upper Portneuf River. Please contact Norman Young or me if you need further assistance concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke
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Enclosure