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APRIL 19, 1995

TOM BENSON CALLED AND CAME UP TO GET THE FORMS TO CALL OUT THE WATERMASTER. THEY WERE SIGNED BY TOM AND ALVIN BENSON AND DAN MULLER. I TOOK THEM TO NAMPA TO BE NOTARIZED AND MAILED THEM TO BOISE.

APRIL 22, 1995

GLADYS MULLER CALLED TO SEE IF I HAD BEEN CALLED OUT YET. JERRY WANTS WATER.

APRIL 25, 1995

BUZZ WIDMYER, FROM FOOTE ACRES, CALLED. HE WANTS WATER. I TOLD HIM THAT HE NEEDS TO PUT THEIR WEIR BLADE IN AND LEVEL IT. I AM WAITING FOR MY CERTIFICATE FROM IDWR AND WILL PROBABLY BE OUT TOMORROW TO MEASURE AND GET STARTED.

I CALLED JOHN WESTRA AT IDWR TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD RECEIVED THE 57R PETITION. HE SAID THEY MAILED IT BACK FRIDAY APRIL 21, 1995. I RECEIVED IT IN TODAY'S (4 PM) MAIL.

APRIL 26, 1995

I MET WITH REX EVANS, JUNAYO RANCH, TO LOOK AT MACKS AND COTTLE CREEKS AND BELOW THE MACKS CREEK RESERVOIR TO LOCATE A PLACE TO INSTALL THEIR TEMPORARY WEIR BLADES.

I SHOWED REX THAT THE JUNAYO EAST PARSHALL FLUME IS STILL "SUBMERGED" BECAUSE THERE IS NO GETAWAY DUE TO CAVE IN FURTHER DOWN THEIR DITCH.

THERE IS NO WATER BEING DIVERTED YET TO BOSTONS VIA SALMON CREEK BY JUNAYO YET (THEY ARE LEASING THE PLACE).

I INFORMED THE WEST REYNOLDS LATERAL USERS THAT THEY HAVE A HOLE ALONG THE SIDE OF THEIR WEIR WHICH WILL WASH OUT IF ANY MORE WATER IS PUT INTO THEIR DITCH.

THERE ARE BEAVER DAMS IN THE RAM FIELD DITCH AND I LET BASS, HOAGLAND AND JUNAYO KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD CHECK FOR HOLES BETWEEN THE DITCH AND THE CREEK BECAUSE THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF UNACCOUNTABLE WATER LOSS BETWEEN THE WEIR AND THE MURPHY ROAD.

APRIL 27, 1995

I MADE PHONE CALLS BETWEEN 7 AND 11 AM TO 57R WATER USERS TO TELL THEM WHERE THEY SHOULD BE PERTAINING TO THEIR WATER RIGHTS AT THIS TIME. THEY WILL SHUT DOWN, CHANGE LOCATIONS, ETC. TODAY, AND THEN I WILL COME OUT TOMORROW TO FINE TUNE OR CORRECT MEASUREMENTS.

FORREST STIMPSON WILL BE MY CONTACT FOR THE REYNOLDS IRRIGATION DIST LATERAL USERS. TOM BENSON IS THE WEST REYNOLDS LATERAL USERS CONTACT AND ALSO THE CONTACT FOR THE LAST DITCH.

THE OLD BOISE TRUST DITCH (YOUNG AND FOOTES) WILL ONLY HOLD ABOUT 600 TO 700 INCHES OF WATER AS THEY HAVEN'T CLEANED OR REMOVED WILLOWS FROM THEIR DITCH IN A LONG TIME.

JERRY HOAGLAND IS NOT YET TAKING ANY WATER IN THE HIGH DITCH OR AT THE DOBSON.

APRIL 28, 1995

I CALLED CINDY HODGES AT IOWR TO SEE HOW TO BILL THE EXCHANGE AND/OR STORED WATER AT JUNAYO RANCH. SHE WILL CHECK WITH JOHN WESTRA AND GET BACK TO ME MONDAY, MAY 1.

6.50 CFS IS ALL THE WATER THAT THE WEST REYNOLDS DITCH CAN HANDLE. IT IS SET TO RUN PRESSURE AGAINST THE HEADGATE SO IT SHOULD STAY STEADY. THEY ASKED ME NOT TO PUT ANY MORE IN, EVEN IF THEY HAVE IT COMING.

THE BOISE TRUST DITCH NEEDS TO BUILD MORE DAM AND CLEAN OUT THEIR WEED RACK IN ABLE TO GET MORE WATER INTO THEIR DITCH.

MULLER AND BENSONS ARE STILL FIXING DAM AT THE LAST DITCH DIVERSION. IT HAD CUT WAY DOWN AND THEY ARE HAVING TO HAUL IN ALOT OF ROCK.

APRIL 29, 1995

IT STARTED A NICE STEADY RAIN ABOUT 3 AM AND IS STILL RAINING AT 9 AM. I HAVEN'T HEARD BACK FROM WIDMYER ON THE BOISE TRUST LATERAL.

TOM BENSON SAYS HE HAS ALL THE WATER THEY CAN HANDLE IN THE LAST DITCH RIGHT NOW. BEFORE WIDMYER CLEANS HIS WEED RACK AND BUILDS DAM. SO I'M NOT GOING OUT TODAY AS EVERYONE AT THE END OF THE CREEK IS SATISFIED WITH WHAT WATER THEY HAVE. SO FAR. EVERYONE THAT HAS WATER COMING (THROUGH PRIORITY #36) IS GETTING A SATISFACTORY HEAD.

APRIL 30, 1995

THE CREEK IS UP A BIT THIS MORNING.

MAY 1, 1995

IT IS RAINING AGAIN. A GOOD ALL OVER DRIZZLE. REX EVANS CALLED. HE IS MOVING HIS WATER TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE CEMETARY PLACE TODAY.

IT RAINED HARD ALL AFTERNOON. THE CREEK IS HIGH AND MUDDY-THERE IS WATER GOING TO THE RIVER.

MAY 4, 1995

FORREST CALLED. THERE IS ENOUGH WATER TO FILL THE RID LATERAL RIGHTS BUT HE CAN USE ONLY ABOUT 12 CFS. HE MEASURED MORE THAN THAT ACROSS THEIR BLADE. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT RICHARD BRANDAU AND BRANDAU FARMS WERE USING THEIR RIGHTS OUT OF THAT LATERAL AT THIS TIME TOO. THAT IS WHY THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL 4 CFS IN THAT DITCH.

THERE IS STILL ABOUT 14 TO 16 CFS (700 TO 800 INCHES) OF WATER GOING TO THE RIVER ABOUT 7 PM.

MAY 5, 1995

IT IS STILL RAINING OFF AND ON. GOOD HEAVY WET RAINS. THE CREEK IS UP EVEN MORE TODAY.

MAY 6, 1995

THE CREEK IS REAL HIGH. ABOUT 12 INCHES BELOW OUR FOOT BRIDGE HERE AT THE HOUSE AND IT IS STILL RAINING.

MAY 11, 1995

FORREST CALLED AND WANTS THE RID LATERAL SHUT DOWN BY 200 INCHES TODAY.

MAY 27, 1995

THE CREEK IS GOING DOWN GRADUALLY. I'M NOT SEEING MUCH BANK DAMAGE OR WASHING. I THINK IT IS DUE MAINLY TO THESE SHORT WILLOWS GETTING ESTABLISHED. WHAT KIND ARE THEY? THERE IS SOME CUTTING AROUND THE BEAVER DAMS AND WHERE THEY HAVE THEIR TUNNELS UP UNDER THE BANKS.

I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT TO MEASURE AS LONG AS THERE IS WATER GOING TO THE RIVER AND THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY CALLS FOR MY SERVICES.

JUNE 9, 1995

ALVIN BENSON CALLED ABOUT 10:30 AM. I WASN'T IN. HE CAME UP AND FOUND ME ABOUT 11 AM. HE SAID THAT JERRY HAD BUILT AND TIGHTENED UP DAM "UNTIL DARK" YESTERDAY JUNE 8. AND ALVIN WANTED HIS WATER. NOW!!! I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS TOO LATE FOR ME TO START MY WHOLE MEASURING ROUND TODAY AND THAT I WOULD GO OUT TOMORROW (SATURDAY, JUNE 10).

WHEN I GOT BACK TO THE HOUSE AT 3:15 PM I HAD A MESSAGE ON MY ANSWERING MACHINE FROM CINDY AT IDWR. ALVIN HAD CALLED THE STATE DEPT OF WATER RESOURCES (TONY?) AND TOLD THEM THAT "WE HAD A REAL PROBLEM GETTING THE WATERMASTER CALLED OUT."

I TOLD CINDY THAT TODAY WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD HEARD FROM BENSONS ABOUT LOW WATER. THAT I HAD BEEN "OFF DUTY" WHILE THERE WAS WATER GOING TO THE RIVER. AND THAT I HAD BEEN EXPECTING A CALL FROM SOMEONE AS FAST AS THE CREEK WAS DROPPING. BUT IT DOES TAKE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME TO "RUN" THE CREEK. SHE SAID THAT 24 HOURS WAS A REASONABLE RESPONSE TIME.

JUNE 10, 1995

JERRY BENSON CALLED AT 8 AM AND SAID THAT HE ONLY HAS 30 INCHES OF WATER AT THE OPALINE PLACE. DON EASON CALLED AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY, JUNAYO, COULD TAKE MORE WATER. I TOLD HIM NO. JUST THEIR WATER RIGHT AMOUNTS.

WATER SHOULD REACH THROUGH PRIORITY #22 TODAY. I LEFT THE UPPER CREEK ALONE. NO ADJUSTMENTS--THEY WERE SET JUST AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO CORRECT. THE ONLY CHANGE WILL BE TO RID LATERAL. IT WILL BE SHUT OFF AND THE WATER MOVED DOWN THE COUNTRY. BENSONS SAID IT WAS TOO LATE TONIGHT TO GET

WATER TO THEM. JERRY WILL BE READY FOR WATER TOMORROW MORNING. 6/11/95. I TOLD FORREST I WOULD BE SHUTTING THE RID LATERAL DOWN AT 10 AM 6/11/95.

JUNE 11, 1995

JERRY HOAGLAND CALLED. HE TURNED WATER ON AT THE DOBSON. TOM BENSON CAME UP THIS EVENING TO TELL ME THAT THE LAST DITCH IS DOWN ON WATER TONIGHT. I WILL MAKE 2 COPIES OF MY "CUMULATIVE DITCH TOTALS" FOR THEM. IT SHOULD HELP THEM TO UNDERSTAND THE FLUCTUATION IN THE AMOUNTS DUE THEM WHEN THE CREEK IS UP AND DOWN. THEY NEED TO TIGHTEN THE DAM AT THE LAST DITCH AS THERE IS WATER GETTING BY.

JUNE 13, 1995

AT 7:30 AM JERRY BENSON CALLED AND SAYS HE ONLY HAS ENOUGH WATER TO RUN 30 SIPHON TUBES (SIZE ?) AT HIS PLACE. I TOLD HIM THAT THERE IS STILL WATER GOING PAST HIS DAM, SO TIGHTEN IT UP. (THERE IS STILL WATER AT HENRY'S AND LAVAR'S.) I ALSO SAID THAT IT IS NOT MY RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILD DAM OR TO KEEP THE WATER IN THE DITCH (THEY HAD A DITCH BREAK AT THEIR PUMPING STATION). THAT I ONLY CONTROL THE AMOUNT OF WATER OVER THEIR RIGHT, NOT THE AMOUNT UNDER.

I WILL GO OUT THIS MORNING AND MEASURE AGAIN.

I HAD TALKED TO TOM AND JERRY BENSON SUNDAY AND LET THEM KNOW THAT WHEN THE CREEK STARTS GOING DOWN AGAIN (AND IT HAS) THAT THE NEXT WATER RIGHTS TO BE SHUT DOWN WILL BE ALVINS 2.74, CALVINS 3.20, LAVARS 3.20, TOM HOOKS LOWER PLACE .90, BENSON FARMS 1.40, GOERINGS .80 AND DAN MULLERS .60 IN THAT ORDER BEFORE I GO AND BRING ANY WATER FROM THE UPPER VALLY RIGHTS DOWN HERE. AT THIS POINT I SHOWED THEM THE GREEN BOOK WATER RIGHTS, DATES, PRIORITY SCHEDULING, ETC. THEY "POOL" THEIR WATER INTO THEIR WEST REYNOLDS IRRIGATION SYSTEM. SO TO FILL FROM ONE RIGHT TO ANOTHER I WOULD HAVE TO SHUT DOWN THE LOWER DIVERSION TO TAKE THE WATER BACK UP TO THE HIGHER DIVERSION. IF THEY CAN'T TIGHTEN THEIR UPPER DAM AND TAKE THE WATER THERE, I CAN'T RUN IT BACK UPHILL TO THEM. I CALLED CINDY HODGES AT IDWR AT 8:30 AM AND EXPLAINED THE BENSON-WEST REYNOLDS-LAST DITCH SITUATION.

I WAS OUT TWICE ON THE LOWER CREEK TODAY.

I CALLED LAVAR AND TOLD HIM HE WAS SHUT DOWN TO HIS 1 CFS RIGHT. AT 4:00PM I CALLED TOM BENSON AND TOLD HIM THAT WOULD BE THE LAST WATER AVAILABLE TO BRING DOWN TO THE LAST DITCH.

JUNE 14, 1995

DAN MULLER WAS UP TODAY. HE SAID THAT THE WATER I GOT DOWN TO THE LAST DITCH YESTERDAY IS ALL THEY CAN GET OUT THE THE CREEK. ANY MORE WOULD JUST GO OVER THEIR DAM AND THEY CAN'T TIGHTEN IT ANYMORE.

JUNE 17, 1995

THE CREEK IS UP A LITTLE-THUNDER STORMS LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING.

JUNE 18, 1995

THERE IS ABOUT 200-300 INCHES OF WATER GOING PAST THE LAST DITCH DAM. THEY HAVE ABOUT 12" ACROSS A 4' CIPPOLETTI BLADE. SO I CALLED LAVAR YOUNG ABOUT 3 PM AND TOLD HIM IF HE WANTED MORE WATER (HIS IS THE NEXT RIGHT TO INCREASE IF WEST REYNOLDS CAN'T OR WON'T TAKE MORE WATER) TO GO AHEAD AND OPEN BACK UP TO ABOUT WHAT IS GOING PAST THE HIWAY. HE WAS UP THERE WITHIN 15 MINUTES.

I WILL GO OUT AND MEASURE AGAIN TOMORROW.

AT 9:30 PM DAN MULLER CALLED TO SAY HE CAN'T TAKE ALL THE WATER COMING DOWN. I TOLD HIM LAVAR WAS GOING TO OPEN UP. TOM BENSON CALLED TOO-SAME REASON.

JUNE 19, 1995

LAST DITCHES, WHEN THE CREEK US UP AND DOWN, ARE A PAIN IN THE REAR TO KEEP STEADY. I PUT BLADE BACK IN LAVARS DITCH AND READJUSTED-CREEK IS BACK DOWN.

JUNE 20, 1995

JERRY HOAGLAND TOOK WATER AT THE DOBSON AND SHUT ONE HEAD OFF AT THE MIDDLE SEVEN HIGH PLACE.

JUNE 21, 1995

I'M HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING WATER TO THE LAST DITCH. HENRY BRANDAU (AN EX-WATERMASTER OF 57R FROM THE 1930'S) SUGGESTED THAT WE RUN ALL OF THE END OF THE CREEK WATER THROUGH THE BOISE TRUST WEIR AND WASTEGATE. PULLING A BOARD UP FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE WASTEGATE. THAT WOULD ALLOW A STEADY PRESSURE TO THE LAST DITCH AND LAVAR WOULD GET THE UP AND DOWN FLUCUTATIONS. IT WAS AGREEABLE TO BOTH PARTIES.

JUNE 22, 1995

TOM BENSON AND I WENT TO THE BOISE TRUST DITCH AND MADE THE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WASTEGATE AGREED TO YESTERDAY.

JUNE 27, 1995

I TALKED TO TOM BENSON. TO ADJUST WEST REYNOLDS SYSTEM WATER BETWEEN DITCHES I TAKE AWAY FROM THEM ONE PLACE TO GIVE TO THEM IN ANOTHER-SO HE HAD ME LEAVE IT ALONE.

JUNE 29, 1995

I WENT TO THE UPPER VALLEY FOR VISUAL OBSERVATION ONLY TODAY. I DIDN'T MEASURE ANYTHING. JUST CHECKED CONDITIONS. JERRY HOAGLAND HAS A HEAD AT DOBSON AND NONE AT THE MIDDLE PLACE. HE IS HAYING AND HAS ALL OF HIS HAY DOWN. DICK BASS HAS SHUT OFF ALL OF HIS WATER TO HAY. ELIAS JACA HAS A HEAD IN HIS EAST DITCH AND NONE ON THE WEST SIDE AS HE HAS ALL OF HIS HAY DOWN TOO. JERRY HOAGLAND HAS A SMALL HEAD (NOT HIS

FULL RIGHT) ON THE BABBINGTON PLACE IN THE HIGH DITCH AND IS JUST STARTING TO HAY. THE COMMUNITY DITCH HAS A FULL HEAD OF WATER GOING TO VARIOUS LATERAL USERS. THERE IS AN ESTIMATED 100 INCHES AT JUNAYO LOWER PLACE. THEY ARE TRYING TO DRY OUT TO HAY.

JULY 2, 1995

THERE IS NO WATER GETTING TO LAVAR YOUNG. I NEED TO CALL TOM BENSON AND SHUT DOWN THE LAST DITCH.

JULY 3, 1995

7:30 AM I CALLED TOM BENSON AND TOLD HIM I HAVE TO SHUT OFF WATER TO THE LAST DITCH. I SHUT IT OFF AT 3 PM. I ALSO TOOK THE BLADE OUT OF THE BOISE TRUST DITCH. THE WATER WAS TOO LOW TO MEASURE.

JULY 8, 1995

HENRY BRANDAU CALLED AND TOLD ME SOMEONE TOOK OUT HIS WEIR BLADE AND PULLED ALL THE BOARDS IN HIS WASTE GATE AND USED THEM TO CLOSE HIS DITCH ENTIRELY. I SUSPECT IT WAS JERRY BENSON. BUT TOM SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

NOVEMBER 15, 1995

RECEIVED WATERMASTER REPORTS IN THE MAIL

FEBRUARY 1 AND 4, 1996

WORKED ON WATERMASTER REPORTS OFF AND ON.

FEBRUARY 5, 1996

CALLED 57R WATER USERS WITH MORE THAN ONE PLACE TO SEE HOW THEY WANTED TO BE BILLED. ALL SAID THAT IT WOULD BE OK TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR TOTAL CFS USED INTO ONE BILLING AS THE IDWR NORMALLY DOES.

I CALLED CINDY HODGES AT IDWR TO DISCUSS BILLING ACTUAL MEASURED USE VERSUS ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED USE. HER THOUGHTS WERE THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO COMMENT ON THE REASONS FOR THIS YEARS LIMITED ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS BY A JOURNAL ENTRY. MY SPREADSHEET ONLY ALLOWS A 1 INCH COLUMN WIDTH. THEREFORE SHE SUGGESTED A "REFERENCE TO JOURNAL ENTRY" AND A SEPARATE JOURNAL WITH MY COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND THE REASONING BEHIND SUCH ENTRIES.

IN GENERAL 1995 WAS A VERY GOOD WATER YEAR. THERE WAS A GOOD WET SNOWPACK FOR THE WINTER OF 1994-95 AND IT CAME OFF SLOWLY. ABOUT THE TIME THE SNOWPACK WAS GONE WE GOT SOME OPTIMUM RAINS THAT KEPT THE CREEK FLOWING. WHEN THE UPPER VALLEY STARTED SHUTTING OFF WATER TO HAY, ABOUT THE FIRST TO THE MIDDLE OF JUNE. IT ALLOWED WATER TO COME DOWN TO FILL DOWNSTREAM GREENBOOK RIGHTS. WHILE THERE WAS WATER GOING TO THE RIVER I DIDN'T FEEL THAT I SHOULD WASTE TIME OR MONEY THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED LATER IN THE SEASON (AS THERE ARE ONLY SO MANY BUDGETED DAYS).