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FILE MEMORANDUM

TO: Water District 57D  
FROM: Cindy Hodges, <sup>CH</sup> Water District Liaison  
RE: Response to Possible Watermaster Violation

AS PRESENTED AT WATER DISTRICT 57D ANNUAL MEETING, FEB 10, 1994, OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

On November 24, 1993, a possible watermaster violation on Sinker Creek was brought to the attention of IDWR. The possible violation was discovered on 11/23 by the watermaster, and took the form of an apparent illegal entry to the Hulet Dam gatehouse, which at that time was still to have been secured by the watermaster. See file notes for additional details.

On December 8, 1993, a letter was mailed to Mr. Jay Hulet and copied to all other involved parties, describing and inviting reply to the incident. Mr. Hulet has replied in writing. No other information has been submitted.

For the record, for any year, the currently appointed Watermaster of Sinker Creek Water District 57D remains in active control of the District from the time the Hulet Dam gatehouse is secured until the time the same gatehouse is unsecured and operation turned over to Mr. Hulet for storage to begin. The Watermaster remains on inactive duty the balance of the year and may be placed on active status at any time deemed necessary by the waterusers or by IDWR.

IDWR considers this incident addressed but not closed. We do not know when the gatehouse became unsecured or by whom, but we will take no further action at this time since no actual injury occurred to any party. This information should serve to remind all waterusers within Water District 57D that this is a controlled area and any activities by you or your employees should reflect that consideration.

cc: Jay Hulet  
Paul Nettleton  
Irene Tyson  
Craig Baker  
Mary Blackstock