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Melba, Idaho 83641  
January 14, 2001

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Idaho Department of Water Resources  
John Westra, Western Region  
2735 Airport Way  
Boise, ID 83705-5082

Dear John,

Enclosed are the season end reports for Reynolds Creek Water District 57-R in accordance with Section 42 of the Idaho Code.

The past irrigation season was short due to lack of precipitation throughout the year causing near drought conditions in this part of the Owyhee Front. We had a very windy spring which resulted in a build up of tumbleweeds in the lateral ditches several times prior to and during the time water was available. Some of the more junior rights didn't have their ditches ready for water during the short burst of "high water" and chose to run a smaller amount of water during that time rather than take a chance on having a ditch break.

I really appreciated the Snake River Basin Adjudication court and Judge Barry Wood taking enough interest in the process to actually come out into the field to see how it works. I feel that it helped all of those who attended better understand the many nuances of "water running downhill." For the record, my year 2000 Watermaster file at home, has a set of the pictures that Cindy Bird, IDWR Engineer and I took which were used for IDWR "Virtual Tour" on the internet.

I would especially like to thank you, John, for your professional advice and the extra time you spend in helping me do my job more professionally.

Respectfully,



Connie Brandau  
Watermaster 57-R

DIST 57R WATERMASTERS REPORT FOR 2000

TOTAL NO. OF DAYS FOR WATERMASTER  
18 DAYS @ \$50.00 PER DAY 900.00

EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES:  
FICA \$ 900 X 6.2%= 55.80  
MEDICARE \$ 900 X 1.45%= 13.05  
STATE W/H \$ 900 X 0= .00

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TOTAL PAYROLL TAXES	<68.85>	<68.85>
MILEAGE 486 @ .325	157.95	157.95
PICTURES	24.00	
FAX	6.00	
POSTAGE	2.00	
RULERS	3.74	

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TOTAL MISC EXPENSES	35.74	35.74
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TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT FOR 2000	\$1,024.84
TO: CONNIE M. BRANDAU	
SS #519-58-9933	

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\$ 1024.84 CHECK FOR WATERMASTERS SERVICES DURING 2000  
\$ 68.85 PLUS EMPLOYERS PAYROLL CONTRIBUTION

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\$ 1093.69 TOTAL CHARGED TO DISTRICT 57-R

887.23 CFS DELIVERED

COST PER 24 HR. SEC FT \$1.232701779

CONNIE M. BRANDAU  
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WATERMASTER DIST 57R  
ACTUAL DAYS MILEAGE MISC EXPENSE

DATE 2000	MILES	ITEM	COST
MAR 06	30		
APR 15	36	GET KEYS GATE	
APR 21		IDWR SCHED TOUR	
APR 25	76	IDWR PICS	24.00
APR 26	6		
APR 27	6		
APR 28	64	WOODEN RULERS	3.74
APR 29	6		
APR 30	6		
MAY 04	80	SRBA TOUR	
MAY 06	6		
MAY 07	32	CHECK ORNDORF	
MAY 08	32	CHECK ORNDORF	
MAY 10	6		
MAY 16		FAX	6.00
MAY 18	64		
JAN 10		BOOKWORK	
JAN 16	36	POSTAGE	2.00
MISC EXPENSES			35.74
MILES	486	@ \$.325	157.95
TOTAL EXPENSES			193.69

# WATERMASTER'S REPORT

From MARCH 15, 2000 To DECEMBER 31 2000

Water District No. 57-R  
Name of Watermaster CONNIE M. BRANDAU  
P.O. Address 1079 BOX 61 MELBA IDAHO 83641

### AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

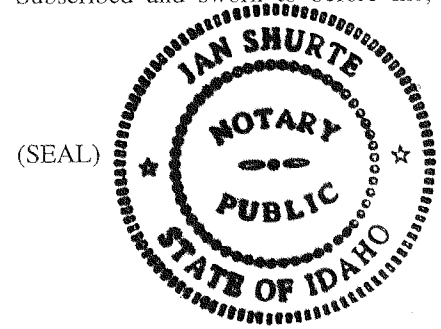
STATE OF IDAHO            }  
                                          } ss.  
COUNTY OF OWYHEE        }

CONNIE M. BRANDAU, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Watermaster of Water District 57-R, having been lawfully appointed by KARL J. DREHER, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report and prorated by him to the water right holders of the district are correct.

Connie M. Brandau  
(Deputy) Watermaster District No. 57-R

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31<sup>ST</sup> day of January, 2001

Jan Shurte  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 9-14-2006



Boise, Idaho, JANUARY 31, 2001

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that CONNIE BRANDAU was lawfully appointed by me as Water Master of Water District No. 57R, and that the information contained in this report, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

KARL DREHER  
Director, Department of Water Resources

By J. W. Vector

File: DIST 57R RT 00  
 Report: WATERMASTER REPORT  
 CURRENT OWNER

CURRENT OWNER	00 CFS	TOTAL COST	BUDGET	CR/DB BALANCE
AGENBROAD, DENNIS			20.97	-20.97
BENSON, JERRY	7.80	9.62	193.38	-183.76
BOSTON, BILL			85.45	-85.45
BRANDAU, RICHARD	25.80	31.80	173.77	-141.97
BRANDAU, RICHARD-V	42.00	51.77	163.18	-111.41
EARLL, GEORGE				
FOOTE, E.G.	74.54	91.89	532.21	-440.32
FRIBIE, ED				
GOERING, WINSTON	8.60	10.60	56.46	-45.86
HALL, DAN			20.49	-20.49
HEART DIAMOND			20.14	-20.14
HENDERSON, MIKE	22.21	27.38	142.50	-115.12
HOOK, TOM-LD	8.70	10.72	67.99	-57.27
HOOK, TOM-N/	62.40	76.92	351.53	-274.61
HOOK, TOM-WR	7.86	9.69	175.92	-166.23
JACA LIVESTOCK CO-WR			40.56	-40.56
JACA, ELIAS	54.85	67.61	139.51	-71.90
JESENKO, PAUL			74.33	-74.33
JOHNSTON, CALVIN	24.53	30.24	123.14	-92.90
JUNAYO RANCH-CD	39.85	49.12	459.38	-410.26
JUNAYO RANCH-LOWER	104.47	128.78		128.78
JUNAYO RANCH-MACKS CRK	9.90	12.20		12.20
LEWIS, BLENDA			29.41	-29.41
MCCABE, JIM	1.43	1.76	9.87	-8.11
MCKEE-BENSON, TOM & JACK	2.42	2.98	58.19	-55.21
MCMAHAN, GERTRUDE			47.44	-47.44
MULLER, DAN	6.80	8.38	45.32	-36.94
MULLER, JERRY	24.18	29.81	146.02	-116.21
PITMAN, SAM			118.43	-118.43
ROMERO, JOHN-CD	39.85	49.12	592.45	-543.33
ROMERO, JOHN-LOWER	97.90	120.68		120.68
SEVEN HIGH-BIG PLACE	42.16	51.97	288.31	-236.34
SEVEN HIGH-DOBSON	4.00	4.93		4.93
SEVEN HIGH-HOME	53.32	65.73	186.15	-120.42
SEVEN HIGH-JERRY	9.60	11.83		11.83
SEVEN HIGH-RID				
TINCHER, BILL			2.06	-2.06
TYSON, CHARLES				
YOUNG, LAVAR-BT	58.86	72.56	541.03	-468.47
YOUNG, LAVAR-LD	14.20	17.50	94.41	-76.91
YOUNG, LAVAR/G-RL	21.10	26.01		26.01
YOUNG, LAVAR/K-RL	17.90	22.07		22.07
	887.23*	1093.69*	5000.00*	-3906.31*

2000 WATER RIGHTS  
File: DIST 57R RT 00  
Report: 2000 57R WATER RTS  
CURRENT OWNER RT #

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AGENBROAD, DENNIS	57-2094F
BENSON, JERRY	57-0272
BOSTON, BILL	57-2026-1033
BRANDAU, RICHARD	57-0280-2065
BRANDAU, RICHARD-V	57-0279-10847 (COMBINED 2052-2094J)
EARLL, GEORGE	57-02094L (WAS PART 2094B)
FOOTE, E.G.	57-0277-2094D
FRIBIE, ED	57-2094A
GOERING, WINSTON	57-0274
HALL, DAN	57-10839 (COMBINED 2067B-1003)
HEART DIAMOND	57-2094H
HENDERSON, MIKE	57-0007
HOOK, TOM-LD	57-0276
HOOK, TOM-N/ HOOK, TOM-WR	57-0245B-0260B-0269B-0265-1106-1107-1108-1109-1111-1113
JACA LIVESTOCK CO-WR	57-0271-2041
JACA, ELIAS	57-1118
JESENKO, PAUL	57-0246-0267-1023-1021-1022
JOHNSTON, CALVIN	57-2006C-1002-2062
JUNAYO RANCH-CD	57-0273
JUNAYO RANCH-LOWER	57-0250-0251-1075
JUNAYO RANCH-MACKS CRK	57-0248-0252-0249-1070-1073-1074-2296-2325-7040
LEWIS, BLENDIA	57-0262-2085-07583
MCCABE, JIM	57-2094E
MCKEE-BENSON, TOM & JA	57-0254A-0255A
MCMAHAN, GERTRUDE	57-2165-2192
MULLER, DAN	57-2007B
MULLER, JERRY	57-0278
PITMAN, SAM	57-0005-1032
ROMERO, JOHN-CD	57-2007C-2006A-2006B-2094C
ROMERO, JOHN-LOWER	57-0257-0258-1095-1096-1097-1098-1099
SEVEN HIGH-BIG PLACE	57-0243-0259-1078-1079-1080
SEVEN HIGH-DOBSON	57-0253-0261-0268-1063-1064-1065-1067-02187
SEVEN HIGH-HOME	57-0247-1087
SEVEN HIGH-JERRY	57-0244-0245A-0260A-2069A-0266-1086-1088-1085
SEVEN HIGH-RID	57-0254B-0255B-0256-1066
TINCHER, BILL	57-2094G
TYSON, CHARLES	57-2093B
YOUNG, LAVAR-BT	57-2067A
YOUNG, LAVAR-LD	57-0006-0281-1117
YOUNG, LAVAR/G-RL	57-0275
YOUNG, LAVAR/K-RL	57-2000-2094K
	57-2007A

WATER MASTER PAST ACTUAL EXPENSES AND PROPOSED BUDGET

YEAR	DAYS	SALARY	TOTAL	OTHR EXP	TOTAL COST	COST PER CFS
2000	18	50.00	900.00	193.69	1093.69	1.232701779
1999	6	50.00	300.00	72.70	372.70	14.1174242
1998	23	50.00	1150.00	150.73	1300.73	8.201841225
1997	27	50.00	1350.00	351.03	1597.75	7.997320
1996	12	50.00	600.00	169.40	769.40	1.9038428
1995	30	50 DA	1500.00	251.35	1751.35	2.80292
1994	36	50 DA	1800.00	405.01	2205.01	1.7092438
1993	32	50 DA	1600.00	279.22	1524.04	1.2330516
1992	26	50 DA	1300.00	366.53	1666.53	2.3957132
1991	69	50 DA	3450.00	506.18	3956.18	1.8401265

NEXT YEAR:

2001	40	50 DA	2000.00	1000.00	3000.00	
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2000 Reynolds Creek District 57R  
Watermasters Journal - Connie Brandau

March 6, 2000

The 57-R water meeting was held at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. After the elections it was decided to have someone to immediately sign the watermaster petition so that he/she could assume their duties whenever they were called out by one of the water users.

April 13, 2000

It rained hard this morning. The creek came way up this afternoon. Everyone has been irrigating in full swing for quite some time. Rich Brandau shut off his water in the east ditch and moved it to the West side ditch.

April 15, 2000

The two snowdrifts at the head of Wilson Creek disappeared today. One month of water left? I went up to the ARS to verify that they will provide access to both Tollgate and Outlet weirs the day of the SRBA tour.

April 19, 2000

LaVar Young stopped by V while we were irrigating and asked when I thought I'd be on as watermaster (paper was signed at the annual meeting). He really doesn't want me on but wondered if I could out to check the "storage vs. live water" deliveries. Will probably go tomorrow.

April 20, 2000

Creek came up last night and there is water going to the river today. It rained hard this afternoon and again late evening.

April 21, 2000

I got a message from Roxanne Brown, IDWR State Office, that the SRBA court had ordered a field trip for May 4, 2000. She faxed that order to me. Prior to the field trip she would like me to accompany Cindy Bird (IDWR engineer) through Basin 57-R to get enough pictures for a "virtual tour". We scheduled to meet Tuesday 4/25/00 at 9 AM at the Ferry Service. There is still water going to the river.

April 22, 2000

There is still water going to the river (past the last diversion). We have about 150" of water at W7 & 250" @ V.

April 25, 2000

Cindy Bird went out on Reynolds Creek with me to take pictures for the IDWR/SRBA field trip and virtuala tour scheduled for May 4, 2000. We were out from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM. There was a message on my answering maching from Dan Muller when I got home concerning water.



April 26, 2000

Dan Muller drove up to the house. He said if "they" had about 100 inched of water in the Last Ditch it would keep me from being called out. I called Rex Evans (they had about 500 inches of water yesterday) and asked him if he would shut down to about 300 inches (3 X their low flow rt.) and run pressure agoint their headgates, otherwise I would be out with my measuring stick.

We discussed the need for documentation and record keeping even if the watermaster has not yet been called out. I told Dan that I would discuss it with John Westra, IDWR and perhaps I or any other WM needed to go out once or twice a month and record use - no matter whose or how much. I need to check with 57-R advisory board and/or officers too.

I called Tristan to run pressure on West Reynolds headgate. I called LaVar to run pressure on his headgates. Rex Evans called and is shutting down some. He said the creek is way down today. I will shut V water down and run pressure.

April 27, 2000

I asked Stimpsons (farming Calvins place last water right on the Last Ditch) if their water was any better today. He said yes, there was a decent amount coming through this morning. So my phone calls requesting running pressure on the headgates might satisfy everyone for awhile. It was hot today and the weather forcast calls for rain and cooling tomorrow 4/28, so if anything is going to bring the creek back up, that should. If not, it's time for me to go on.

Buzz Widmyer (Foote Rt) called at 4:30 PM and wants me to go on as Watermaster. He said that he "hasn't got any water yet." He wasn't taking any water when the creek was high, there is a tree that has fallen into their ditch, backing it up to the breaking point with the water Young is taking, and he doesn't have a weir blade. I told him to put his blade in his weir and I will be out tomorrow.

April 28, 2000 Friday

6:45 AM Buzz called. He has his weir blade in. I went out to measure the creek. I got an initial reading of 78.63 CFS which should provide water through priority #45, priority date of May 12, 1914. I also stopped by the ARS office at Reynolds Creek and picked up the graphs for the Tollgate and Outlet weirs for this week. Also the weather graph. Tom Hook called back and said that I could shut the West Reynolds Lateral down to just Jerry Mullers right, to satisfy Footes call.

April 29, 2000

I made phone calls from 6 AM to 7 AM to:  
Elias Jaca 466-8801 cut down to 100" each diversion  
Rex Evans 495-2667 cut down to 100" each diversion  
Tony Richards 495-2331 leave your headgates w/pressure

Buzz Widmyer 495-2683 get tree out & ready for water.  
Jerry Hoagland 495-2810 down  
Jerry Muller 495-2819 yours will be only water in WR.

Jerry Muller should have 2.06 CFS in West Reynolds Lateral - that will be the only water in it. Hook and Jaca will use their water from WR Lateral to satisfy E.G. Foote right, rather than bring water down from upper valley.

The Boise Trust Ditch could have as much as 15.14 CFS in it. I called Buzz Widmyer to tell him I am bringing some into it, but it might not get filled (especially today). I told him again about the tree blocking their ditch and that I will not be held responsible if their ditch blows out/breaks because of their lack of maintenance. The first 4.20 CFS will be LaVAr Youngs  
The next 10.00 CFS will be Footes  
The last .94 CFS if available will go to L Young.  
Max of 15.14 CFS diversion (ditch does not have that much capacity)

April 30, 2000

The water in the RID Lateral is going to Henderson and Young only. The water in the West Reynolds Lateral is going to Jerry Muller only. At 11 AM the Boise Trust Ditch is still coming up. This afternoon it finally settled at 12.74 CFS with 5.26 CFS going past to the last ditch. I called Widmyer to let him know.

May 4, 2000 Thursday

IDWR held a field trip in 57-R. We also went to the Sinker Creek Reservoir. We met at 8AM at the Murrphy, ID for a "Slide Tour" compiled from the pictures that Cindy and I took on April 25, 2000. See my files for extra prints.

May 5, 2000

It rained last evening for awhile. The creek is back up to the top of my "marker rock" visible through my kitchen window.

May 6, 2000

The top of my marker rock is dry today. The water must have gone up enough last night to wash out a bit of the Last Ditch dam, because there is about 150 inches of water going to the river this PM when I checked. A call to Tristan Hook confirmed a break and he repaired it.

May 7, 2000 Sunday

It rained again starting at about 7:30 PM last night and is still going at 7 AM, not hard rain, just general all over "California" drizzle. But it brought the creek back up to the top of my rock. I must have everyone set about right up above because not much extra in coming down. Just staying fairly steady.

This evening when I got back in the creek was WAY DOWN!  
I took 2 pics of the marker rock at 6 PM. Junayo again?

Yes. When I checked it this evening the headgates were wide open.

May 8, 2000

I called Rex and he said that Owen Orndorf "took care" of the water Sunday, 5/7. Since this wasn't the first time that I've had to deal with Mr. Orndorf screwing the headgates wide open after they have been set, I decided to call John Westra at IDWR for direction in how to handle the situation. It was suggested that I:

- 1) tell him I'm going to tag and lock the headgate
- 2) tag it
- 3) lock it

If the lock/chain is cut it is a misdemeanor. Then I need to send a letter to Owen (cc IDWR & my file) to serve notice the headgates are tagged. Then I called Owen at his office. Owen told me that he had opened the headgates himself, but that he had told Rex to shut them back down that evening. I told Owen that I didn't care what he had told any of his employees, that once the headgates were set by the watermaster that they were not entitled to any more water than their decreed right. He tried to argue the point that he wasn't sure that the water going by his diversion wasn't his. I told him that is was the watermasters job to determine that and if he wasn't sure about something to call me and I would address the issue. He also "advised" me at that point that it wasn't necessary to involve the department of water resources in this. I told him that I had already called to ask how this should be handled and that this phone call was the first step. At 12:30 noon I took another picture of the "marker rock". I called Rex to let him know what had been happening. During our conversation Rex stated that Owen was lying if he said he had told Rex to shut the headgates down, because Rex said he specifically told Owen before he left that I'd been up to set the headgates and not to mess with them. Rex offered to immediately go out and shut them down to where we had set them, prior to Owens interference. I said that would be good, then I could come up in a few hours to adjust/fine tune the measurements, which I did.

May 10, 2000

Dan Muller called at 9:30 AM to tell me that he is shutting the water out of the Last Ditch. All of the users out of that lateral are wet up and ready to start haying. RID lateral (per Forrest Stimpson) can use their 200 inches "but probably not any more".

May 16, 2000

Rex from Orndorfs called this AM to let me know that he wants to move their water from the east to the west side, and to discuss how to do it. I explained the procedure to him, how to measure the different size weirs, faxed a copy

of the Parshall Flume measurements for verification and thanked him for doing things right.

Discovered that someone had put water back into the Last Ditch last night (it had been dry 5/10 until now). So there is absolutely NO water going past the hiway this afternoon.

The creek is gradually going down. Richard Brandau built dam on the west side of his place to be able to get his 100 inches today.

May 18, 2000

The creek took a big drop last night so I will make a run to the upper valley to see what is happening.

Basically the run-off is done. The creek is gone at the Murphy Road culvert, comes up at Romeros, gone again above the Packrat and back to the surface at the Potato Patch. If everyone will leave things alone now my job for the year is done.