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Goose Creek Water Users

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Re: Goose Creek Measurements

Department of Water Resources
Southern Region Office

Dear Water User:

At the October 11 water district meeting in Oakley I had agreed to visit Goose Creek later this month for the purpose of measuring flow on the Creek at several different locations. The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that I plan to conduct these measurements on October 25. I may be accessing the creek across some private lands owned by Goose Creek water users. Jim Stanton, who is a staff member at our Twin Falls office, will likely accompany me on this visit.

It is my opinion that the measurements will only be useful for getting some understanding of reach gains or losses at a time when there are no diversions and the creek is at or near baseflow conditions (i.e.; portion of stream flow derived from ground water seepage and interflow). It is my understanding that the water users wanted to make measurements earlier in the year to determine how much of the stream flow at the state line would actually reach the USGS gage above the reservoir.

Although I am happy to conduct measurements on Goose Creek, I am concerned whether this exercise will be of much help in resolving the issues discussed at the October 11 meeting. It is my opinion that some type of watermaster control is needed for the drainage. Questions concerning non-irrigation season diversions, excessive diversions, futile call deliveries, reach gains/losses and stockpiling etc. can be best addressed and managed by a water district and watermaster. Idaho Goose Creek water users need to make some effort toward watermaster control if Utah and Nevada are expected to control water uses within their borders.

I will provide additional correspondence to all users regarding the results of the measurements. This correspondence may also include some outline of the steps the water district should pursue or that IDWR will take to improve management on Goose Creek.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke
Water Allocations

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of October, 1994, I mailed a true and correct copy of the attached letter, postage prepaid, to the following individuals:

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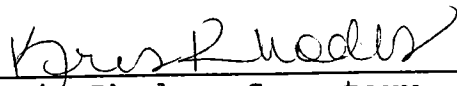
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