

Stanton, Jim

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To: Luke, Tim
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Subject: WM on Upper Raft River

I called several advisory board members but was only able to leave messages on answering machines.

Mike Lewis called back after lunch and indicated he saw Sundberg on Sunday so he is not presently in jail as Mrs. Kempton indicated (last week).

We had a long conversation and Mr. Lewis is supportive of Sundberg. He believes that the folks in Utah are a little weird and that Dave is the only one standing up for the rights of Idaho water users. I told him that we are supportive of Sundberg's efforts to deliver water correctly but that communication at times has broken down and personalities seem to be or could be roadblocks in solving the on going disputes. I suggested that maybe a fresh person could be more effective. Mr. Lewis again supported Sundberg and indicated that he really didn't know who else to place in the position as watermaster. Mr. Lewis indicated that he thinks that Idaho and Utah resource people should again met and try to work out things. He indicated that Utah being the first state on the creek on Clear Creek as well as upper Raft River has nothing to loose so doesn't push their people to let the water go down to Idaho and Idaho doesn't seem to do anything to prevent them stealing the water. He suggested that Idaho should dam off the Bear River and see how they liked it. He thinks that things are weird enough that someone could get hurt.