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Department of Water Resources

Mr. Keith Higginson, Director
Idaho Department of Water Resources
1301 North Orchard Street
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Dear Mr. Higginson:

The purpose of this letter is to give you a status report on our planning studies in the State of Idaho.

We completed cost estimates and dam safety analyses for the Galloway feasibility study. We conducted an agency workshop on the Galloway anadromous fishery analysis in Portland in May and continue to resolve comments on the analysis. Our Washington, DC, level headquarters (HQUSACE) provided an approved Project Guidance Memorandum (PGM) on 19 May 1989. The PGM directed us to stop all activities on the Galloway feasibility study, except for coordination, until our Division office in Portland (CENPD) and HQUSACE complete an assessment of the Corps' legal authority to participate in the Water Budget and an assessment of insurmountable impediments to non-Federal development of hydropower, i.e., the Galloway Project. CENPD is currently preparing the two assessments for submittal to HQUSACE for review and approval. In the interim, we are actively coordinating with the various northwest resource agencies. In particular, we are working with the Bonneville Power Administration to resolve their concerns about the Galloway system power analysis.

Butte Soil and Water Conservation District has agreed to act as interim sponsor for the Big Lost River Basin feasibility study. Local interests report that they intend to vote on the formation of a Watershed Improvement District (WID) in October 1989. If approved by the voters, the WID will be the study/project sponsor. In the meantime, we are proceeding with mapping and foundation investigations for the diversion control structure and two drop structures in the Chilly-Barton Flats area.

We submitted the Mud Lake Reconnaissance Report to our Division Engineer in Portland in April 1989. The Division office's review comments have been received, and we intend to submit a revised reconnaissance report to the Division Engineer in September 1989. A copy of the report will be furnished to you once it is approved.

We are currently studying two potential flood control projects in the State of Idaho under Continuing Authorities. They are:

- Basement flooding due to high groundwater in Ririe
- Ice jam related flooding at Salmon

Since our last letter, we have discontinued the following snagging and clearing studies due to lack of economic feasibility:

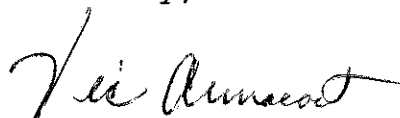
- Boise River between Strawberry Glen and Caldwell
- South Fork Boise River near Pine
- Salmon River at Salmon

No action has taken place on a potential snagging and clearing project on the South Fork Boise River below Anderson Ranch Dam as mentioned in my last letter. A potential flood control project has been identified on the Heise-Roberts levees along the Snake River. We plan to complete an initial evaluation of the Ririe groundwater problem this fall. The Salmon ice jam study is still under study by the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory. Additional field testing is planned for next winter. A public information meeting is tentatively planned to be held in Salmon sometime in October 1989.

The Boise Front Flood Warning Study is on a fast track. A Technical Advisory Committee meets once a month in Boise with representation from the Corps, city of Boise, Ada County, and National Weather Service. Sixteen task assignments have been made. The committee is pushing for study completion this fall.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions or need for more information, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. V. Armacost". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

L. V. Armacost, P.E.
Chief, Planning Division