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Big Lost River Recharge Committee; -

Department of Water Resources
Eastern District Office

I am sorry I will not be able to attend the Jan. 18th meeting.

I would like to report that I thought the recharge above the Mackay Reservoir was a very successful program. Most of the recharge was done by installing a headgate in the Chilly Canal and using an old ditch to the gravel pits at the Chilly Crossroads. We managed to recharge 177,500 inches (7,041 acre feet) of water into the aquifer. The period of time the recharge took place was from May 23rd to August 1, 1995.

I understand that throughout the valley a total of 69,682 acre feet of water was put into the underground storage system. This tells me it was a very successful project and should be continued whenever water is available.

Sincerely,

Dave Nelson