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May 7, 1997

Mr. Doug Rosencranz
Water District 34

Arco, Idaho 83213 *At 1, Box 24*

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Dear Mr. Rosencranz:

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Idaho Rivers United, Mitch Sorenson et. al., Dave Nelson et.al., the Big Lost River Water Users Assn. and other protestants have reached a settlement on Big Lost River recharge. As part of that settlement agreement, an aquifer recharge committee is to be assembled from water users and interests throughout the valley. A recharge committee position exists for a non-water user who is a landowner or at least a resident of two or more years.

We recommend the following individuals be considered for the non- water user position on the recharge committee: Steve Cote - Steve is the District Conservationist for NRCS at Arco and lives near Spring Creek. He has expressed an interest in the recharge issue and is willing to serve. C.P. John Traughber - John has been involved in efforts to get water into Spring Creek and restore it to the fantastic fishery it once was. Clay Condit, a former Arco city council member would also be a good choice. He has considerable scientific knowledge and has supported flows through the town of Arco and efforts to restore Spring Creek and the Big Lost River to their former ecological integrity.

Idaho Rivers United believes any of these individuals would provide a valuable voice to make recharge benefit everyone in the valley, and to help restore the beleaguered Big Lost River and Spring Creek.

Thank you for considering our recommendations. We look forward to seeing a successful recharge effort. If we can be of further help please contact me at 343-7481. Please inform us in writing as to the recharge committee selections for all seats, once they are made.

Sincerely,

Marti L. Bridges

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Water Policy Director

cc: protestants; Karl Dreher and Ron Carlson, IDWR