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Dear Mr. Westra,

On behalf of the Advisory Board, of State Water District No. 65, I wish to invite you to a tour of this district's facility improvements projects. Our tour will be held on **June 14, 2006** and will begin at the Payette River Irrigation Office, located at 102 North Main, Payette. The tour will start at 9:00 am and a catered lunch stop will be included. The tour will end at the place of departure, around 4:00 pm. We will be pleased to have you as our guest.

There will be some walking required at various stops to view the structures. I suggest appropriate footwear and clothing to make this outdoor activity comfortable.

For the past several years the Payette River Basin has taken aggressive action to improve the delivery of irrigation water, with an overall plan to make their system operate as efficiently as possible. Modern technology involving the use of automated control has been adapted wherever advantageous. Our system currently has more than 40 locations where water control structures are monitored continuously, controlled automatically and supervised remotely. The result has been rewarding, and the conservation of water is quite significant.

Our basin is very fortunate to have been assisted by the Bureau of Reclamation with these efforts, with their technical assistance and incentive programs. The Idaho Department of Water Resources is also a partner and continues in that roll. Each year the water right accounting within our basin becomes more accurate, equitable and timely.

Two companies representing Acoustic Doppler Water Measurement Instruments will be attending our tour and we will include a stop where each can demonstrate their devices.

I am very hopeful that you will be able to join us on June 14th.

Sincerely,



Ron Shurtleff,