

Lower Payette Ditch Company, Inc.

102 North Main  
Payette, ID 83661

September 17, 2007

Mr. John Westra  
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources  
2735 Airport Way  
Boise, ID 83705

Dear Mr. Westra,

On behalf of the Lower Payette Ditch Company, I would like to extend to you an invitation for our bladder dam celebration and demonstration event. Through the summer and fall of 2006 the canal company replaced their aging "Horse and Plank Dam" with a Bridgestone inflatable Dam. This innovative bladder dam has been instrumental in providing numerous benefits to Payette County including the following: consistent levels of water to our irrigators, a reduction in dam safety issues, water quality improvements, wildlife enhancements and incentives for boaters and anglers.

This event will afford us an opportunity to recognize those partners instrumental in planning, developing and successfully completing the installation of the automated inflatable bladder diversion dam on the Lower Payette River.

The highlight of our event is a demonstration of the deflation and inflation process of the bladder dam to give participants an exclusive view and understanding of the impressive technology. We plan to have construction engineers on hand to discuss the technical aspects of the structure and printed material for interested water managers.

The event will be held on Friday, September 28, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, on site at physical address 5913 Bluff Road, New Plymouth ID 83661. Directions to the dam site are included on the back. Please R.S.V.P to Ron Shurtleff at [waterdist65@srvinet.com](mailto:waterdist65@srvinet.com) no later than Wednesday, September 26, 2007.

Your participation in this bladder dam celebration and demonstration event is imperative to the success of this event. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

*Chuck Pollock*

Chuck Pollock  
President, Lower Payette Ditch Company, Inc.

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**These directions start from downtown New Plymouth Idaho.**

**Proceed South on US- 30, (main street through town) - 0.1 mile**

Turn **R** **RIGHT** on S SOUTHEAST AVE(US-30) - 0.4 mile

Continue to follow US-30 - 1.1mile

Bear **L** **LEFT** on HIGHWAY 72(ID-72) - 1.9 mile

Continue on HIGHWAY 52(ID-52) - 1.6 mile

Turn **L** **LEFT** on DALLAS RD - 1.3 mile

Bear **L** **LEFT** on FREEMONT RD - 0.5 mile

Turn **L** **LEFT** on BLUFF RD - 0.9 mile

**Arrive at the Acord River Ranch Entrance**

**Enter the Acord River Ranch and Follow Temporary signs to the Dam Site 0.9 mile**

