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C. L. "BUICK" OTTER
Governor

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.
Interim Director

North Snake Ground Water District
152 E Main St.
Jerome, Id 83338

Re: Participation in Ground Water Districts for Mitigation Purposes

Dear Gentlemen,

Last month the Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) sent notice to holders of certain ground water rights in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) advising them that they needed to join a ground water district so that their particular junior priority ground water right(s) would be included in the Idaho Ground Water Users Appropriators (IGWA) 2007 approved mitigation plan. Notices were sent to users who received curtailment orders or warning notices issued by the Department earlier this year, and whose rights are located outside the boundaries of a ground water district or used for non-irrigation purposes

The Department asks that your ground water district provide documentation of junior priority ground water right holders who have joined the ground water district for mitigation purposes in response to the Department's 2007 curtailment orders or notices, and the Department's correspondence from last month. Documentation may include copies of petitions, certified lists, spreadsheets or other ground water district documents that verify participation in the district for at least mitigation purposes. The submitted documentation must include the water right holder names and any corresponding water right number(s) that the owner sought to include in the district.

Please submit this documentation to me on or before September 21, 2007. Please also contact me directly at 208-287-4959 if you have any questions or need any assistance concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke
Water Distribution

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