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RE: Motion for Order of Interim Administration in Basins 71 and 72

Dear Water User:

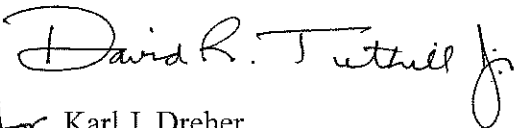
The enclosed documents relate to the State of Idaho's Motion for Order of Interim Administration, which seeks District Court authorization for administration of water rights in Administrative Basins 71 and 72.

The purposes for the request are to obtain authority for the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") to create or revise water districts, and to provide for long-term administration of surface and ground water rights from hydraulically connected sources. One step in this process is the notification of potentially affected water right holders. Therefore, this mailing is being sent to all water right holders of record (except those whose use is solely for de minimis domestic and/or stockwater purposes) in Basins 71 and 72. IDWR intends to proceed with creation of a water district in Basins 71 and 72 later this year pending the District Court's approval of this request. IDWR will send additional notice to right holders regarding the Court's decision and water district creation.

Enclosed with this mailing are the following documents: (1) Motion for Order of Interim Administration and Notice of Hearing; (2) Brief in Support of Motion for Order of Interim Administration; and (3) Affidavit of Tim Luke, Section Manager for the IDWR Water Distribution Section.

If you have any questions, please call the IDWR hot line at 1-800-451-4129. You may also contact the Department's Salmon Field Office at 208-756-6644, or the office referenced in the above letterhead.

Sincerely,


for Karl J. Dreher
Director

Enclosures