



State of Idaho

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DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Governor

KARL J. DREHER
Director

Re: Final Order Creating Upper Salmon River Water District in
Administrative Basins 71 & 72

Dear Water Right Holder:

The records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") show that you are the holder of one or more water rights with points of diversion within the Upper Salmon River Basin in IDWR Administrative Basins 71 and 72. The Director of IDWR signed a notice of hearing and public information meeting regarding creation of a water district in this area on October 7, 2005. A copy of this notice was sent to all water right holders within the proposed districts except owners of small domestic and stock water rights. IDWR held a public information meeting concerning the proposal on October 24, 2005 in Challis, ID, and the Director of IDWR held a hearing on the matter on November 9, 2005 in Challis, ID. A ten-day written comment period was provided after the hearing as required by law.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Final Order Creating the Upper Salmon River Basin Water District No. 170. Also enclosed is an informational sheet that explains options for responding to final orders. Please note that any party subject to the order may file a petition for reconsideration within fourteen (14) days of the service date of the order, which is the date of this letter. The Department will act upon petitions within twenty-one (21) days of their receipt.

The Water District No. 170 2006 annual meeting will be held as follows:

**7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2006
at the American Legion Memorial Building
221 Main St., Challis, Idaho**

The water district meeting is necessary to elect a watermaster, select an advisory committee and adopt a budget for the operation of the district.

Please contact this office, the IDWR regional office in Twin Falls, or the Salmon Field Office in Salmon if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke
Manager, Water Distribution Section

Enclosures