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Ralph Hatch, President
c/o Jim L. Dowton, Secretary
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Department of Water Resources

Dear Mr. Hatch:

The Governor's Office of Species Conservation would like to offer some help to Water District 73 to meet the deadline to install head gates and measurement devices. Perhaps we can help by making clear what exact types of head gates and measuring devices would match the specifics of each irrigator's diversion.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has agreed to consider sending a specialist, Bob Foster, to the Pahsimeroi for one to two days to review diversions and advise irrigators on the necessary equipment. Perhaps this can be done with a catalog of equipment or other information in hand, so that the irrigators know what they need to purchase and/or install. Actual visits to diversions in the field may be hampered by weather conditions at this time of the year. If it is not possible to visit actual sites, you are encouraged to contact Bob Foster at the IDWR Salmon Field Office to discuss needs and concerns at individual diversions. Bob has some specific information for diversions on the Pashimeroi River and several primary tributary streams based on his field inventory of those sites in 2001.

Additionally, IDWR has agreed to hold a half-day water measurement workshop in Challis to review different types of measuring devices and address questions about measuring devices and headgates. It has been suggested that this workshop be held early in January 2003.

If this expert help would be welcome, then I recommend Water District 73 organize one or two days when all interested irrigators are available for field visits. The district should also contact Bob Foster or Tim Luke of IDWR concerning a date and location for the measurement

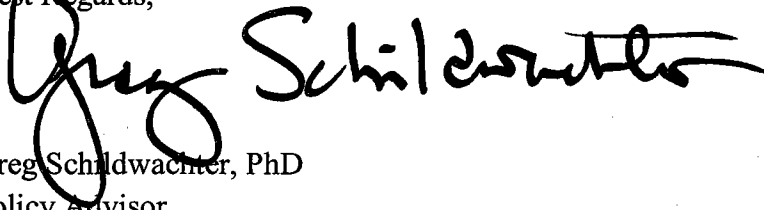
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workshop. I must stress that the District must take responsibility for scheduling the field day and workshop if it would be helpful. Please contact Bob Foster (756-6644) or Tim Luke (327-7864) about details.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Schildwachter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "G".

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cc: Norm Young, Tim Luke, Bob Foster, IDWR