

June 7, 2006

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Re: Interim Administration in Basin 74; Notice to Basin 74 Watermasters to Begin Using Snake River Basin Adjudication Rights as Recommended in the Director's Reports.

Dear <watermaster name>,

On May 1, 2006, the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) District Court issued an *Order Granting the State of Idaho's Motion of Interim Administration of Water Rights in Basin 74*, the Lemhi River and tributaries. The order authorizes "the distribution of water pursuant to chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code in accordance with the *Director's Reports* and the *Partial Decrees* that supercede the *Director's Reports* in IDWR Basin 74."

The purpose of this letter is to advise all water district watermasters in Basin 74 that they should immediately begin delivering all surface water rights in their respective districts as recommended and recorded in the SRBA Director's Reports, or as partially decreed by the SRBA Court (primarily domestic and stockwater rights at this time).

Attached to this letter are two lists of water rights in your district as recommended in the Director's Reports or as partially decreed by the SRBA Court. Please begin delivering water rights in accordance with the attached lists. You should no longer rely on old water right decrees or old water right lists and notes.

Separate lists are provided for domestic and stockwater rights and non-domestic and non-stockwater rights. The lists were separated due often to the large number of stockwater rights on federal lands. The list also includes permits, as well as any active water rights that were developed or issued after the commencement of the SRBA. Please note that the list is sorted by source and priority date, and includes multiple listing of the same right if the right has multiple points of diversion (diversion legal descriptions included). Please also note that the current water right owner name as recorded or last updated in IDWR records is included. The attached lists are saved as Microsoft Excel files and can be e-mailed to you upon request.

Copies of the water rights documents as partially decreed or recommended in the Director's Reports are included in the enclosed compact disc (CD). The CD contains all decreed and recommended Director Report rights in Basin 74. If you do not have access to a computer for viewing or printing the water rights from the CD, IDWR can send hard copies of the rights within your district upon request (you may need to allow for additional time to provide hard

copies). You may also search for and print water rights using the IDWR Internet web site at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/water/rights/> .

Please review at least the non-domestic and non-stockwater right list thoroughly for accuracy and content. It is possible that a few recommended rights may have been omitted for various database related reasons or problems. Also, a few water right licenses could be included on the list that perhaps should not be included because no SRBA claims were filed, or for other reasons. We believe omission of any water rights or incorrect inclusion of any rights is very minimal, if at all. If you find errors, have questions or concerns, or need further assistance, please contact Nick Miller or me directly at 208-327-7800, or Bob Foster at our Salmon Field Office (208-756-6644).

Sincerely,

Tim Luke
Manager, Water Distribution Section

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Bob Foster, IDWR Salmon Field Office
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