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IDWR DIRECTOR
KARL J. DREHER

March 1, 2004

TO: Alpheus Creek Water Users (see attached list)

RE: Distribution of Priority Rights on Alpheus Creek

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Dear Water User:

On February 25, 2004, Blue Lakes Trout Co. submitted a call for Distribution of Priority Rights on Alpheus Creek. Flow information included with the call indicates that average available daily flows in Alpheus Creek, as measured at the Blue Lakes Trout weir, fell from approximately 168.1 cfs on January 1, 2004, to approximately 162.4 cfs on January 31, 2004. Flows of just over 170 cfs are required at that location to satisfy senior priority rights held by Blue Lakes Trout and Pristine Springs:

36-2356A	5/29/1958	99.83 cfs	Blue Lakes Trout
36-2603C	4/17/1964	25.3 cfs	Pristine Springs
36-7210	11/17/1971	45.0 cfs	Blue Lakes Trout

On Friday, February 27, I visited the area and confirmed that the available flows at the Blue Lakes Trout weir were about 160 cfs. Silver Creek Farms was diverting upstream from Blue Lakes Trout, at a rate of about 6.2 cfs. The City of Twin Falls pumps were not on, and Blue Lakes Country Club (BLCC) has not begun diversions for the season. The City and BLCC rights are also senior in priority to the Silver Creek Farms rights, but divert upstream from the Silver Creek diversion.

Because the Silver Creek Farms right, no. 36-7239 with priority of 4/24/1972, is junior to the above rights, and because diversions to right no. 36-7239 are adversely impacting diversions to senior priority rights, the Silver Creek diversion must be curtailed at this time in order that those flows may be redistributed to the senior right(s).

From my conversations with the Silver Creek hatchery manager last Friday, I learned that Silver Creek Farms has been anticipating curtailment and is prepared to shut off 3.0 cfs at this time. Silver Creek farms requests additional time to finish processing or moving the remaining inventory in the raceways.

Accordingly, **Silver Creek Farms will reduce diversions by 3.0 cfs, effective immediately.** This reduction must take place no later than 12:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2, 2004 and will be confirmed by the Watermaster on that day.

Over the next few days, I will be in contact with Silver Creek Farms to determine a reasonable schedule for full shutdown. I anticipate that this date will not be any later than two weeks from the date of this letter. All water users will be notified if there are any changes.

Please note that this call for priority distribution is specific to the waters of Alpheus Creek only, and is being administered pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-607.

If you have questions please contact me at 208-736-3033.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Yenter".

Cindy Yenter
Watermaster
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