

NOVEMBER 17, 2009

**RE: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF WATER USERS ON THE EAST FORK AND
TRIBUTARIES**

Dear Water User:

This letter provides notice of a public meeting of water users to be held December 16, 2009 in Clayton, ID. The Purpose of the meeting is to discuss creation of an East Fork sub-district within Water District No. 170. A sub-district is an organizational unit within a water district that allows users in an area to elect and fund a local watermaster to provide watermaster services. Sub-districts allow users a greater degree of local control over water delivery and reduce or eliminate the need for those users to contribute to the costs of the larger district.

TIME AND PLACE:

When: 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Where: Clayton Community Center, Clayton, ID

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE:

On April 6, 2006, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) issued an order creating Water District No. 170 (WD170). WD170 was created to administer water rights from the Salmon River and tributaries (including groundwater) upstream of the confluence with the Pashimeroi River. Because WD170 encompasses such a large geographic area, the order creating WD170 anticipated that a number of sub-districts could be created within the larger district to facilitate administration, limit costs associated with the district, and provide a level of local control. The meeting in Clayton is held to discuss whether water users from the East Fork and tributaries want to pursue organization into a sub-district within WD170.

IDWR has agreed to provide watermaster services for WD170 for a limited initial period, after which users will elect and fund a WD170 watermaster. Currently, the WD170 Watermaster is performing the measuring and reporting duties in the East Fork area and is funded by IDWR. Although IDWR will continue to provide watermaster services for WD170 during 2010, the costs associated directly with measurement and reporting in some parts of Basin 72 will be funded by the users starting in 2010. Organizing into a sub-district will provide the East Fork users more control over the cost of performing those activities.

AGENDA
EAST FORK WATER USERS MEETING
Wednesday, December 16, 1:00 pm
Clayton Community Center
Clayton, ID

Introduction – Purpose of meeting – 5 minutes	IDWR
Presentation – Background Info. – 10 minutes	IDWR
Questions/Discussion - ? minutes	Open
Review of Decisions/Next Steps – 5-10 minutes	IDWR

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

WATER DISTRICT NO. 170
UPPER SALMON RIVER
EAST FORK WATER USERS

) Organizational Meeting
)
) December 16, 2009 1:00 P.M.
) Clayton Community Center
Clayton, ID

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
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Nick Miller	Idwr Boise	Idwr
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Bob Foster	Idwr Salmon	Idwr
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Jim Bennett	Challis	Idwr
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Gary Ingram	HC 68 Box 320 Clayton	
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CHARLIE CAMPBELL	HC Clayton	
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JO VERNIA	HC 68 Box 300 Clayton	
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Cheryl & Doug Soder	HC 68 Box 350 Clayton 83227	Self
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Mike Cutler	P.O. Box 8 Challis	Water District
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JR. BAKER	HC 68 Box 379 Clayton	
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Jim Hawkins	HC 82 Box 4023 Challis	WD 170 Adm Com WD 172F
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Bert Doughty	P.O. Box 62 Clayton	Thompson Creek
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BRENT BRUNKER	PO 303 Clayton	
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Chris Natoli	P.O. Box 62 Clayton	Thompson Creek mine
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Wayne Baker	PO Box 304 Clayton	
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STEERING COMMITTEE SIGN UP SHEET

WATER DISTRICT NO. 170
UPPER SALMON RIVER
EAST FORK WATER USERS

) Organizational Meeting
)
) December 16, 2009 1:00 P.M.
) Clayton Community Center
Clayton, ID

Please sign this form if you would be interested in participating in a steering committee to develop a plan for operating the sub-district.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
Wayne Baker	H-68 Box 304	838 2440	
Chris Natoli	P.O. Box 62 Clayton, ID 83227	838-2200	cnatoli@tcreek.com
BRENT BRUNKER	Hc 68 Box 303	838 2482	
JR. BAKER	HC 68 Box 379 Clayton	838-2318	
Doug Baker	Hc 68 Box 350 Clayton	838-2269	
Gary Ingram	HC 68 Box 320 Clayton	838-2369	
HOWARD CUTLER	HC 67 Box 2066 CHALLIS	838 2366	
JIM Bennett	Box 36	"	879 4488

MEETING OF EAST FORK WATER USERS

DECEMBER 16, 2009, 1 P.M.
CLAYTON COMMUNITY CENTER
CLAYTON, ID

PURPOSE:
TO DISCUSS FORMING A
SUBDISTRICT WITHIN WD170

MEETING OF EAST FORK WATER USERS

DECEMBER 16, 2009, 1 P.M.
CLAYTON COMMUNITY CENTER
CLAYTON, ID

OUTLINE:

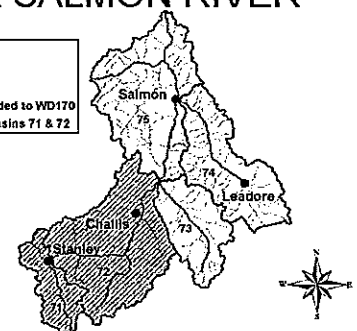
- BACKGROUND OF WD170 – OVERVIEW
- WD170 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – WHY SUBDISTRICTS?
- OVERVIEW OF SUBDISTRICTS
- COST ESTIMATES
- TIMELINE

WATER DISTRICT 170 UPPER SALMON RIVER

Background

WATER DISTRICT 170 UPPER SALMON RIVER

Legend
● Cities
— Rivers and Streams
72 Basins Proposed to be Added to WD170
71 Existing Water District: Basins 71 & 72



WD170 BACKGROUND

- CREATED APRIL 2006
 - BASINS 71 AND 72 ONLY
 - EXISTING WD BECAME SUB-DISTRICTS
 - IDWR OFFERS WM SERVICES AT NO COST FOR 2006/2007 (subsequently extended)
- INCREMENTAL OPERATION
 - MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL (2008/2009)
 - MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING (2009/2010)

WD170 BACKGROUND

Objectives of a water district

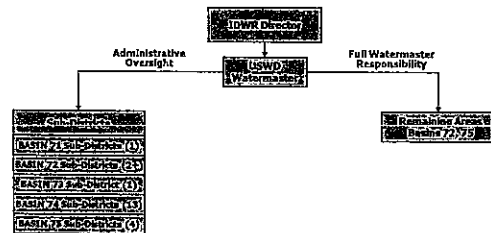
- a) Collect and record diversion data
- b) Deliver water rights in priority
- c) Curtail unauthorized or excessive diversions

WD170 BACKGROUND

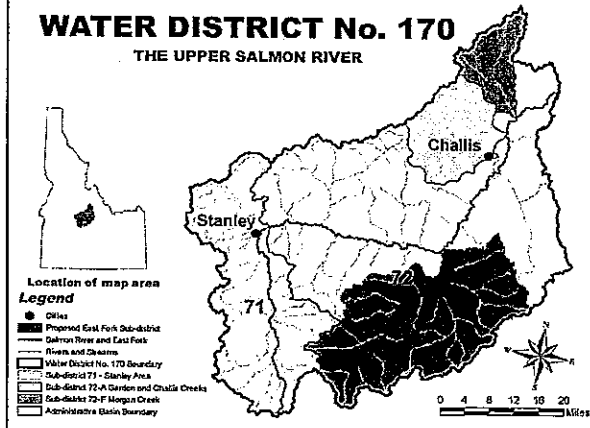
Requirements of IDWR & Watermaster Per Wild & Scenic Agreement

- Systematic inventory of diversions
- Evaluate needs for sub-districts/deputy watermasters
- Require measuring devices & headgates as needed
- Regularly visit diversions & record measurements
- Quarterly reporting of diversions (sw & gw)
- Enforcement
- Annual Reports & Budgets

WD170 CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION



WATER DISTRICT No. 170 THE UPPER SALMON RIVER



WD170 CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Areas organized into sub-districts

- Will be largely autonomous.
- Will fund their own operations.
- Will likely not be required to fund WD170 WM.

Areas not organized into sub-districts

- Will measure and report through WD170 staff.
- Will directly participate in funding WD170 WM.

WD 170 ORGANIZATION Sub-districts

Sub-district Duties

- Measurement and Reporting
 - Routine measurements vs. spot checks
 - Data entry & reporting to WD170 WM
- Regulation & Administration
 - Address water delivery issues/complaints
 - Maintain sub-district records, develop budget, organize annual meeting, etc

WD 170 ORGANIZATION Subdistricts

Subdistrict Meetings

- Annual Meeting
 - Held in the spring – January through March
 - Elect a watermaster and adopt a budget
 - May adopt resolutions and form an advisory committee

WD 170 ORGANIZATION Subdistricts

How Much Will it Cost?

- Depends on several factors
 - Full- vs. part-time WM
 - Salary, equipment, overhead
- Adopted budget funded by users
 - Proportional to water delivered
 - May adopt a minimum charge up to \$50

East Fork Sub-district Costs

Example 1 In this example, users have decided to elect a full-time, seasonal watermaster and will provide some equipment.

- Season 5/1 through 11/1 or approx. 27 weeks at 40hrs/wk
- Provide Computer, internet access, mileage, supplies and PO Box.
- Assume no other equipment purchase or office rental
- Assumes WM visits all diversions about twice a week on average.

Example 1	
Mileage = 200/week @ \$0.55/mile	\$ 2,970
WM Salary 27 weeks @ 40 hrs \$10/hr	\$ 10,800
Treasurer Salary (estimate)	\$ 500
FICA/Medicare = 7.65%	\$ 865
Workers Comp Est. 6%	\$ 650
Internet Access \$50/month all year	\$ 600
Supplies/misc	\$ 500
Computer	\$ 1,000
Total	\$17,885

East Fork Sub-district Costs

Example 2 In this example, users have decided to elect a part-time, seasonal watermaster and will not provide equipment.

- Season 5/1 through 11/1 or approx. 27 weeks at 12hrs/wk
- Provide only mileage, supplies and PO Box.
- Assume no other equipment purchase or office rental
- Assumes WM visits all diversions about once a week on average.

Example 2	
Mileage = 100/week @ \$0.55/mile	\$ 1,500
WM Salary 27 weeks @ 12 hrs \$10/hr	\$ 3,240
Treasurer Salary (estimate)	\$ 500
FICA/Medicare = 7.65%	\$ 265
Workers Comp Est. 6%	\$ 200
Supplies/misc	\$ 500
Total	\$ 6,225

East Fork Sub-district Costs

Example 3

In this example, users have decided not to form a sub-district. Users would pay pro-rata share of total WD170 costs based on water delivered.

- 2010 costs would include hiring a deputy WM be similar to example 2
- Costs for future years would depend on activities in the rest of WD170.

East Fork Sub-district Costs

Notes on Cost Estimates:

- Approximately 116 cfs of applicable water rights in the drainage
 - Not all rights diverted throughout the irrigation season and some rights are not billed by delivery (e.g. Fish Screen Rights).
 - Assume, on average, 130 days of full diversion at 116 cfs (70% of maximum) – just a guess...
 - About 15,000 24-hr second-feet total water deliveries.

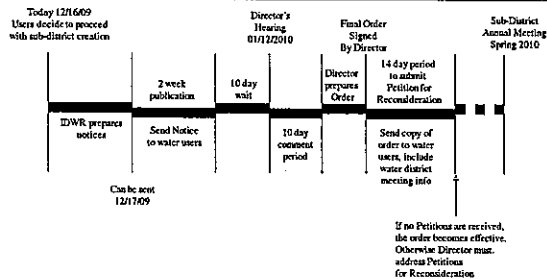
East Fork Sub-district Costs

How much will it cost me?

- Assuming about 15,000 24-hr cfs delivered:

Total Budget	Cost / 24-hr cfs delivered	
	No Minimum	\$50 minimum
\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.25
\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.60
\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.29

Timeline for Creating an East Fork Sub-district



Creating an East Fork Sub-district What to expect

- Decide whether to move forward
- Steering Committee meetings – sign up.
- Identify candidates for local watermaster and treasurer

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