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Dear water users,

The starting date for measuring wells in the Bancroft-Lund water district was May 30, 2009. This was about 10 days later than the drought years of years past. The reason for this was the wet spring of 2009. The first readings I took were largely taken before much irrigation pumping had occurred. The starting levels for the 09' season were about the same as 08'. The Keith Lloyd well didn't get measured until July 12th because of the construction of a new pipe line to that well. One can only assume the water level was similar in depth to years past.

The 09' season was much like the 07' and 08' seasons. The starting and stopping levels were about the same as the previous two years. That seems to indicate that the water table seems to recharge fairly quickly if there is adequate moisture prior to the irrigation season.

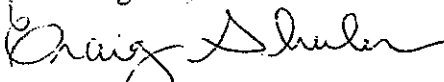
Being half way thru the winter the el nino has had its' effect on southeast Idaho. With above average temperatures and below average moisture the outlook isn't that good for 2010. However, as 07' showed us a cool, wet spring is almost as good as a heavy snow year, and it's still early in the water season with a lot of opportunity for precipitation. Let's hope water history repeats itself and the trend continues.

I took my last measurements on October 10, 2009. Below is a list of my expenses while monitoring the Bancroft-Lund water district during 2009.

Travel (4-wheeler and pick-up) 639.7 miles @ .55/mi. =	\$351.84	
Labor 33 2/3 hrs. @ \$12.25 =	\$ 412.46	- less SSI
Telephone calls	\$ 12.00	SSI
Copies and postage	\$ 3.00	

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Best regards,


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