



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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EASTERN REGION

C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.
Director

January 23, 2008

Dan P. Smith, Watermaster
PO Box 22
Leadore, ID 83464

WATER DISTRICT #74-W

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Watermaster's Annual Report for the past season.

The same has been prepared by the watermaster and approved by this Department in conformity with Sections 42-610, 42-614 and 42-615, Idaho Code.

During the 1993 legislative session, the legislature enacted a new law which amends Section 42-619(9), Idaho Code and removes the independent financial audit requirement for most state water districts. The new law, referenced by Section 67-450B, Idaho Code (copy enclosed) identifies minimum audit requirements for all local government entities. Under the new statute, the governing body of any local government entity (i.e.; water district) whose annual budget does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) has no minimum audit requirements under this section. This means that any district which handles its own money and whose budget is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less does not have to have an independent public account firm conduct a financial audit every few years as previously required by Section 42-619(9).

Please note that only the statutory requirement regarding the independent financial audit has been changed. Districts handling their own fund (i.e.; districts who collect and/or disburse their own funds) must still submit their own statement of the water district's financial affairs at the end of each fiscal year. As recommended in the Department's February 16, 1993 letter and the 1993 Watermaster Handbook, a copy of the financial statement may be submitted either with the annual water masters report or with the minutes of the annual meeting for the ensuing year. An example of an annual financial statement may be found in Appendix C of the 1993 Watermaster Handbook.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dennis M. Dunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" being more prominent than the last name "Dunn".

Dennis M. Dunn
Senior Water Right Agent

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Enclosure



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Aleta M. Ries, Secretary
PO Box 68
Leadore, ID 83464

WATER DISTRICT #74-W

Dear Ms. Ries:

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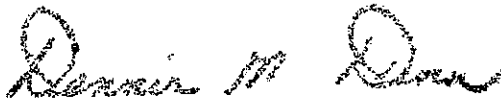
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January 30, 2008

Lemhi County Treasurer/Auditor
206 Courthouse Dr.
Salmon, ID 83467

RE: WATER DISTRICT NO. #74-W

Dear Treasurer/Auditor:

Transmitted herewith is the Watermaster's Report and claim for services along with the Proposed Budget for 2008 for the above mentioned Water Districts.

The various items in this report have been checked and have been found to be proper charges against the water users therein named. Section 42-612, 42-613 and 42-614 of the Idaho Code provides the procedure under which this claim shall be paid from the funds of the above named district.

If you have any questions, please contact us at once.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Dunn
Senior Water Rights Agent

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WATERMASTER'S REPORT

From MAY 7, 2008 To SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Water District No. 74-W

Name of Watermaster DAN P. SMITH

P.O. Address P.O. BOX 22, LEADORE IDAHO 83464

AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

STATE OF IDAHO }
COUNTY OF LEMHI } ss.

DAN P. SMITH, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster of Water District 74-W, having been lawfully appointed by _____, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report and prorated by him to the water right holders of the district are correct.

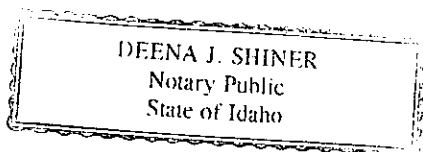
Deena J. Shiner

(Deputy) Watermaster District No. 74-W

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29th day of December, 2008

Deena J. Shiner
Notary Public

(SEAL)



My Commission expires 10-1-2011

Boise, Idaho, January 6, 2009, 19__

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Dan P. Smith was lawfully appointed by me as Water Master of Water District No. 74-W, and that the information contained in this report, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

David Tutkhill Jr.
Director, Department of Water Resources

By Dennis M. Dunn

	WATER RIGHT OWNER	IDWR WATER RIGHT IDENT No.	DIVERSION NAME / REMARKS
1	JAMES ELLSWORTH C/O CARL ELLSWORTH	# 1	
2	JAMES WHITTAKER	# 2	
3	M.E. SLAVIN	# 3	
4	KARL TYLER	#4 TO #18	
5	KARL TYLER	#5 TO #18	
6	KARL TYLER	#6 TO #18	
7	KARL TYLER	#7 TO #18	
8	T. CARLSON	#8	
9	KENT BIRD	#9	
10	JAMES WHITTAKER	#10 TO #2	
11	CALVIN J. WHITTAKER	#11	
12	MERRILL BEYELER	#12	
13	KURT BIRD	#13 TO #14	
14	KURT BIRD	#14	
15	RICHARD FOSTER	#15	
16	ALLAN PURCELL	#16	
17	McFARLAND LIVESTOCK	#17	
18	KARL TYLER	#18	
19	VAUGHN HARTMAN	#19	
20	RAY KAGEL	#20	
21	PENNY OGDEN	#21	
22	KERRY PURCELL	#22	
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