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Basin 74/Lemhi River Basin Watermasters

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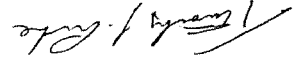
Re: Administration of High Flow Water Rights in Basin 74

Dear Mr. Sager,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR or Department) has received several inquiries concerning how water district watermasters should administer or deliver high flow water rights in Basin 74. The purpose of this notice is to advise all duly appointed water district watermasters in Basin 74 that high flow water in Basin 74 must be delivered in accordance with the high flow water rights recommended in the SRBA Basin 74 *Director's Reports*. This guidance is consistent with the SRBA Court's Amended Order Granting State of Idaho Motion of Interim Administration of Water Rights in Basin 74 issued by SRBA District Court Judge Melanson on May 5, 2006. Specifically, that order authorized "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." This guidance shall remain in effect until *Partial Decrees* are issued by the SRBA Court or upon such other order issued by the SRBA Court and notification provided by the Department.

Please note that all recommended high flow water rights have defined rates of diversions, points of diversion and seasons of use. All recommended high flow rights should be delivered in compliance with the limits stated on each right. Recommended high flow rights do not authorize water use prior to or beyond the season of use defined on the rights. Please further note that recommended high flow water rights in your water district, if any, should have been included in water rights lists provided to the water districts in 2006 following the SRBA Court's Interim Administration Order of May 5, 2006. IDWR can provide updated water rights lists for individual watermaster or water districts upon request, or provide separate lists for the high flow water right recommendations. If you have questions concerning this matter or need further assistance, please contact Tim Luke directly at 208-287-4959 or tim.luke@idwr.idaho.gov.

Respectfully,



Tim Luke

Water Distribution Section

Cc: IDWR Eastern Region

Chris Bromley, Idaho Attorney General's Office
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74	Lemhi River	RICK SAGER	985 HWY 28	SALMON, ID 83467
74A	Geertsen Creek	VERDELL A OLSON	151 GEEERTSON CREEK RD	SALMON, ID 83467
74B	Kirtley Creek	LAMAR COCKRELL	237 LEMHI RD	SALMON, ID 83467
74C	Bohannan Creek	JERRY ELZINGA	300 MONROE	SALMON ID 83467
74G	Sandy Creek	PAT MCCONNAGY	373 SANDY CRK LN	SALMON, ID 83467
74M	Agency Creek	JEROME L EASTMAN	PO BOX 57	TENDROY, ID 83468
74Q	Mill Creek	JOHN AMONSON	PO BOX 51	LEMHI, ID 83465-0061
74U	Andrews and Slough Ditch	DENNIS LILE	PO BOX 793	SALMON, ID 83467
74W	Texas, Hawley, Timber, Junction, Bull, Jake and Canyon Creeks	DAN P SMITH	PO BOX 22	LEADORE, ID 83464-0022
74Z	Big Eight Mile and Lee Creeks	THOMAS C UDY	PO BOX 215	LEADORE, ID 83464-0215
		Lemhi Irrigation District Att: Bob Louks		