

## Lester, Steve

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**From:** Lester, Steve  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 4:49 PM  
**To:** Cresto, Liz  
**Subject:** RE: SWE Map

Hi Liz:

Why oh why are the 2 reddest spots in Western? Yikes, I smell trouble in 2015! I'm just saying...

Along those lines, our ideas for starting down the water accounting path for Weiser River water district got somewhat derailed by totally unexpected staff shortages at Western. Between last October and sometime this summer, we will have experienced turnover in 8 of 12 positions here, unbelievable! We are focused on keeping the doors open and rebuilding staff while still getting some stuff done this year. It's a handful.

That said, I have been talking to Watermaster & others about getting started, building on Tuthill et al 2014 work partly funded by IWRB to install measurement equipment in lower part of WD 67, so far so good. He's pitching for more funding to continue this up the middle and upper reaches of the river, including Lost Valley Reservoir. Good stuff. The Watermaster and I, along with Jay Edwards of Weiser Irrigation District (Galloway Canal, Crane Creek Reservoir etc.), were surprised and pleased with WD 67 voting to raise money this year to help with measuring equipment and so forth. I got a pretty good reception at their annual meeting early this month in this regard, saying IDWR wants not to boss them around but to facilitate this progress as much as we can (re staff issues etc.). At the very least, I want us to coordinate with Watermaster during delivery calls this year so we can learn first-hand how it's been done, what else is needed, where etc. Of course all this will take time, money & hard work but at least enough people are on board with the realization the time has come for this effort.

I say all this to let you know where things are at now & hope we can work together this year as our situations allow to make a positive contribution for WD 67. My remaining time is short with IDWR but want to at least talk about it some & get things primed for some good follow up.

Hope all is well with you,

Steve

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**From:** Cresto, Liz  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 8:27 AM  
**Subject:** SWE Map

Good morning,

It shouldn't be any surprise that the SWE dropped from last week. Precipitation is forecasted for later this week. The long term forecast is for cold weather. This should slow the rate of melt and help maintain the existing snowpack.

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