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Re: Public Information Meeting – Activation of Water District No. 29H, Marsh Creek and Tributaries

Dear Water User:

Records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") indicate that you hold one or more water rights from the Marsh Creek drainage located within the Portneuf River Basin. Marsh Creek and tributaries (excluding Birch Creek and Garden Creek drainages) is included in Water District No. 29H ("WD29H"). However, WD29H has been inactive for many years.

The Department is initiating steps to activate WD29H to provide for the administration of water rights in the Marsh Creek drainage. The Department has scheduled a public information meeting with local water users to discuss activation of WD29H. The Public meeting is scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Marsh Valley High School
12655 S Hwy 91
Arimo, ID 83214

Several factors affecting the Marsh Creek drainage have focused the Department's attention on the need to reactivate WD29H for the administration of water rights, including the measurement and reporting of diversions from Marsh Creek and its tributaries. These factors include:

1. The Snake River Basin Adjudication ("SRBA") was completed on August 25, 2014.
2. All other drainages in the Portneuf River Basin are included in active water districts and subject to regulation by a water district watermaster but WD29H remains inactive. Water rights and diversions in the Marsh Creek drainage are not regulated or measured.
3. The Department has received some complaints from water users in the Marsh Creek drainage in recent years concerning the lack of regulation of water and water rights in accordance with Idaho law and the priority water rights established by the SRBA.

4. WD29H includes a number of water rights that are relatively junior in priority to water rights downstream on the Portneuf River and the Snake River. Unregulated water diversions in the Marsh Creek drainage may be diverted out of priority with respect to downstream senior priority rights, thereby causing injury to downstream senior right holders.

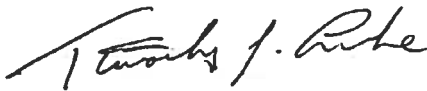
The purpose of the meeting will be to inform water users of the requirements of water districts and the anticipated schedule for activating WD29H. Department representatives will be on hand to discuss and address questions regarding the activation of the water district. Items which may be discussed include election and duties of a watermaster, water district voting, budgets, assessments, water right regulation, and water measurement. You are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The meeting will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please contact IDWR at least five days prior to the meeting.

A copy of this notice has been sent to all holders of water rights in WD29H except in-stream stockwater rights as defined under Idaho Code § 42-113(1).

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the IDWR State Office (Boise) at 208-287-4800, or the IDWR Eastern Regional Office (Idaho Falls) at 208-525-7161.

Sincerely,



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