

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED)
CREATION OF THE JORDAN CREEK)
WATER DISTRICT)
_____)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION,
PUBLIC HEARING AND
WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Director ("Director") of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") is authorized under Idaho Code § 42-604 to divide the state into water districts for the purpose of distributing water among appropriators. Idaho Code §42-604 also authorizes the Director to create or revise the boundaries of existing water districts if such action is required to properly administer water resource uses. The authority to create water districts or revise boundaries of water districts applies to those streams, or other water sources including ground water, for which the priorities of appropriation have been adjudicated by court decree.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-604, the Department will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed creation of the Jordan Creek Water District as follows:

**February 23, 2022 (Wednesday)
6:00 P.M.**

**Pleasant Valley Elementary / Junior High School
28026 Juniper Mountain Rd
Jordan Valley, OR 97910**

PROPOSED ACTION

The Director proposes to create a water district as shown on the map in Attachment A to administer surface water rights diverting within the Jordan Creek drainage in Idaho, including Jordan Creek and tributaries to Jordan Creek. Trout Creek, located in Idaho but tributary to Jordan Creek in Oregon, is omitted from the boundaries shown on the attached map.

REASONS FOR PROPOSED ACTION

Surface water rights in the Jordan Creek drainage have been adjudicated by the Snake River Basin Adjudication ("SRBA") District Court. The SRBA was completed on August 25, 2014.

In 2017 the Department conducted a public information meeting in response to complaints from senior water right holders on Jordan Creek that they were not receiving the water they are legally entitled to receive. On January 4, 2022 the Department received a formal request from the Gusman Livestock Company, Inc. for the creation of a water district as per Idaho Code § 42-604.

The new water district is required to properly administer the water uses and water rights within the Jordan Creek drainage, including the measurement and reporting of water use diversions.

HEARING PROCEDURES

Information and testimony presented at the hearing on February 23, 2022, will create a record upon which the Director will rely to determine whether the proposed creation of the Jordan Creek Water District is appropriate. It is important that holders of water rights understand the proposed action and participate in the hearing process. The Department will present information at the hearing about why it is proposing to create the Jordan Creek Water District. Persons attending the hearing will have an opportunity to orally present information and opinion regarding the proposed action. Written comments may be submitted to the hearing officer at the hearing or at any time prior to the close of the written comment period on March 7, 2022. Written comments not presented at the hearing should be sent to the Director, Department of Water Resources, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0098.

Gary Spackman, Department Director, will serve as the presiding officer. The hearing will be held in accordance with the Department's Rules of Procedures (IDAPA 37.01.01). These rules may be viewed at the Idaho Department of Administration's website as follows:

<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/370101.pdf>

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

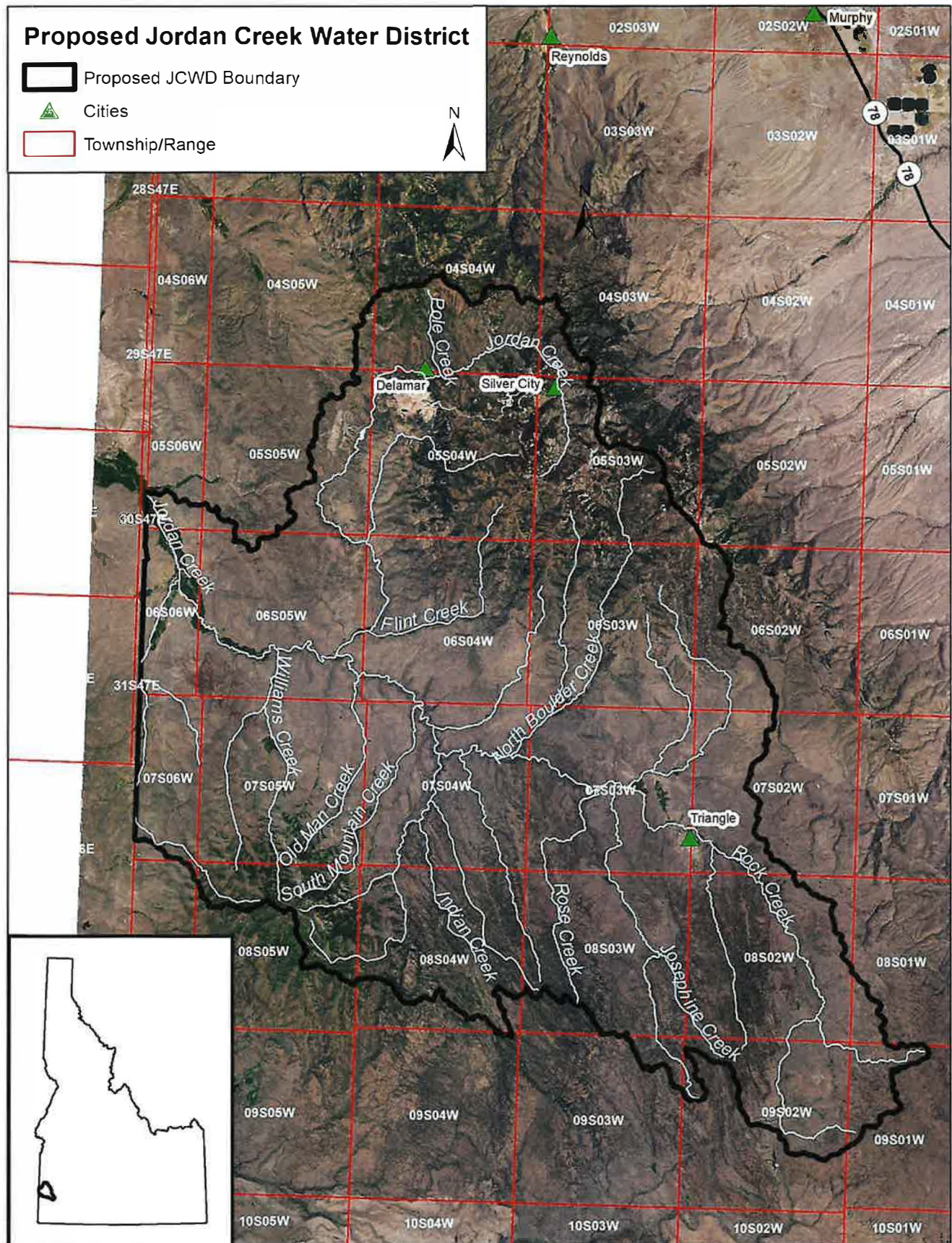
This notice of hearing has been sent to all current owners of surface water rights that authorize a point of diversion within the proposed water district, except instream stockwater rights as per Idaho Code § 42-113.

If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact the Department's State Office at (208) 287-4800, or regional office in Boise at (208) 334-2190.

DATED this 1st day of February 2022


Gary Spackman
Director

Attachment A: Proposed Creation of Jordan Creek Water District



I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of February 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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