



## State of Idaho

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Re: City of Preston Measurements

Dear Jo:

I received a call last evening from Conan Foster, Cub River watermaster. Mr. Foster advised me that he visited the City of Preston Mayor's office to obtain a key that would provide him access to the city's meters which are located below the hydro power plant. Mr. Foster was attempting to gain access to these meters so that he could record the city's flows as instructed by the Department's order dated January 13, 1995. Mr. Foster advised me that the mayor refused to provide him access to the meters.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of Mr. Foster's report regarding his failed attempt to get access to the City's meters located below the hydro plant. It was my understanding that you supported the Department's instruction to the watermaster for collection of data from these meters. If this is not correct, or the if city has some other understanding regarding this matter or Mr. Foster's report, please contact me immediately.

While Mr. Foster did not obtain access to the city's lower meters, he did record measurements at the following locations:

- 1) City pipeline at Albert Moser Campground: 9.8 cfs
- 2) Preston Whitney diversion from Cub River: 18.5 cfs
- 3) Birch Springs: 1.1 cfs

Due to recent snow storms and snow accumulation, the watermaster could not get to Ranger Spring. He will attempt to make a measurement at this site when conditions improve. The overflows from the city system to Glendale and Foster Reservoirs were not measured as there are no measuring devices at those sites. We had hoped that these overflows could be estimated based on the city meter readings at Albert Moser and the meters below the hydro plant.

You should also know that there are about ten homes which divert water from the city's main pipe line from Bergquist Springs between the Albert Moser Campground and the hydro plant. The watermaster reports that these diversions are unmetered. The watermaster and I agree that these diversions are probably very

minor when compared to that amount water diverted to the storage tanks and the city distribution system.

I hope that we can resolve whatever problem there may be regarding collection of data from the city's meters below the hydro plant.

Sincerely,

*Tim Luke*

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