

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Debbie Allen, Ranae Sanders  
From: Gary Spackman *Gary*  
Date: May 8, 2007

**Re: Hiring a Temporary Employee for Blackfoot River Monitoring**

Attached is a request I received from Eastern Region to hire a temporary employee to assist with water monitoring in the upper Blackfoot River Basin. Dave Tuthill has informed me that the request is a result of a meeting between the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA"), the Shoshone – Bannock Tribe, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") and others. I assume the meeting Dave Tuthill told me about is the telephone conference discussed in the attached request.

Dave Tuthill told me that Clive Strong participated in the meeting and committed \$15,000 from the attorney general's office to fund a temporary position for the summer of 2007 to perform the duties described in the request document. He told me the BIA committed to match Clive Strong's money. The money is not presently deposited in an IDWR account, nor have I seen any written letter of commitment. Dave Tuthill told me Clive is "good for the money."

As a result, I request that IDWR (not Water District 01) hire a temporary employee to complete the work described in the request. IDWR will only hire the temporary employee for the summer of 2007. The temporary employee will be paid a salary of \$9.00 per hour with no benefits. Lyle Swank and Ryan Madsen will oversee the work accomplished by the new temporary summer employee.

c. Dave Tuthill  
Lyle Swank  
Ryan Madsen  
Tim Luke

Gary,

On April 25, 2007 a phone conference was held between IDWR, BIA, The Tribe, and their consultants. At the end of this conference Dave Tuthill indicated that IDWR would hire a temporary employee to help resolve some of the issues that were raised. Some of these being :

1. How much water is diverted above the Blackfoot Reservoir.
2. Total volume of water used by non-Indians.
3. If water is being diverted outside of the users period of use.

This is a written request to hire a temporary position to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Full time individual for 2007 irrigation year
- Measure all major diversions/ service areas
- Periodic measurements of diversions
- Interview all major irrigators relative to irrigation practices and volumes used.  
Correlate this to historic water years
- Measure diversions from major tributaries to the Blackfoot river

Sincerely,