

August 19, 2005

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Re: Upper Salmon Water District Steering Committee

Dear Mr. <name>,

The first Upper Salmon Water District Steering Committee is scheduled as follows:

Date: September 13, 2005
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Challis Ranger District Office (US Forest Service)
Main Conference Room
Highway 93 North
Challis, ID

The purpose of this first meeting is to discuss why the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") is proposing creation of the Upper Salmon Water District, the scope of the water district, timeline for creation of the district, and requirements of the district. We also hope to begin discussing district organization and governance. A proposed meeting agenda is attached.

A steering committee is needed to help water users prepare for the first annual water district meeting. The first annual water district meeting will likely be held in March or April of 2006, pending a final order issued by the Director of IDWR, and pursuant to a hearing held by the Director. IDWR anticipates the steering committee will draft proposed resolutions for the first annual meeting regarding election of a watermaster, advisory committee, and treasurer; proposed budget, collection of budget; and other resolutions pertinent to the operation of the district. The first steering committee meeting will be informal and informational in nature. IDWR does not expect the steering committee to begin addressing water district resolutions until the second or third steering committee meeting.

A copy of the current steering committee roster is also included with this letter. The committee representation is similar to what IDWR proposed in its last correspondence dated June 17, 2005. There are a total of 15 committee members listed, including two Idaho legislative representatives. All of the individuals listed accepted invitations and/or expressed interest in participating in the committee. Some additional water users and interested individuals also expressed a desire to participate on the committee. IDWR invites these additional interested parties to participate in all steering committee meetings through the steering committee. A list of other interested parties who responded to IDWR's June 17th letter and asked to be considered for inclusion on the committee is also attached to this letter. The current committee and meeting participants can discuss or consider changes to the committee.

Questions, concerns or needs related to the scheduled meeting may be directed to Tim Luke by calling 208-287-4959, or by e-mail at tim.luke@idwr.idaho.gov. You may also contact Bob Foster at the IDWR Field Office in Salmon, Idaho at 208-756-6644, or by e-mail at bob.foster@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke
Manager, Water Distribution

Cc: Karl Dreher, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources
Allen Merritt, IDWR Southern Region Manager
Ron Carlson, IDWR Eastern Region Manager
Bob Foster, IDWR Salmon Field Office

UPPER SALMON WATER DISTRICT
STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005
7:00 p.m.

- I. Background Information Tim Luke, IDWR
 - a. Wild and Scenic River Agreement
 - b. Requirements of Water District pursuant to agreement
 - c. Timeline for creation and operation of Water District
 - d. Steering Committee's role prior to district operation
 - discussion of steering committee organization

- II. Water District Responsibilities Tim Luke & Allen Merritt, IDWR
 - a. Annual Meeting, resolutions, elections, budgets, reports
 - b. Watermaster Duties
 - c. Minimum Standards for Upper Salmon Water District
 - minimum standards for district
 - minimum standards/qualifications for watermaster

- III. Water District Organization & Governance All Participants
 - a. Inclusion/relationship with existing districts
 - b. Advisory Committee representation

- IV. Open Discussion (Questions and Answers) All Participants

- V. Schedule Next Meeting and Adjournment All Participants

UPPER SALMON WATER DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 16, 2005

First Name	Last Name	Company Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Basin or Entity
JAY	NEIDER		PO Box 176	STANLEY	ID	83728	Basin 71
KATIE	BRECKENRIDGE						Basin 71
J R "JACK"	CHALLIS		PO BOX 1220	CHALLIS	ID	83226	Basin 72
WAYNE	BAKER		HC 88 BOX 304	CLAYTON	ID	83227	Basin 72
GARY	CHAMBERLAIN		HC 63 BOX 1770	CHALLIS	ID	83226	Idaho Water Resource Board
TED	O'NEAL		81 FUREY LN	MAY	ID	83253	Basin 73
CARL	ELLSWORTH	ELLSWORTH ANGUS RANCH	PO BOX 60	LEADORE	ID	83646	Basin 74
DAVE	MC FARLAND		BOX 125	CARMEN	ID	83462	Basin 75
MICHAEL	COLLETTE	U.S. DEPT OF INTERIOR FOREST SERVICE	161 E MALLARD DR	BOISE	ID	83706	U.S Forest Service
ALAN	BITTNER	U.S. DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	50 HWY 93 S	SALMON	ID	83467	BLM
BERT	DOUGHTY	THOMPSON CREEK MINING CO	PO BOX 62	CLAYTON	ID	83227	Industrial
CLIFFORD	HANSEN	CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSION	PO BOX 385	CHALLIS	ID	83226	Custer County Commissioner
MICKEY	VERBECK	CITY OF SALMON	200 MAIN ST	SALMON	ID	83467	Municipal
LENORE	BARRETT	IDAHO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	PO BOX 347	CHALLIS	ID	83226	State Representative
DON	BURTENSHAW	IDAHO STATE SENATE	1803 N 100	TERRETON	ID	83460	State Senator
Other Users or Parties who Expressed Interest in Participation on Steering Committee							
BILL	GATTUNG		88 LOIS LANE	SALMON	ID	83467	Basin 75
DON & BONNIE	ROWLES		PO BOX 1987	CHALLIS	ID	83226	Basin 72
RICK	PHILPS		HC 63 BOX 1830	CHALLIS	ID	83226	Basin 72
JIM	HAWKINS		HC 82 BOX 4023	CHALLIS	ID	83226	Basin 72
JAMES	WHITTAKER		PO BOX 240	LEADORE	ID	83646	Basin 74
BRUCE	MULKEY		25 MULKEY LN	SALMON	ID	83467	Basin 74