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Notice to all water users in water district #73:

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Department of Water Resources

To the Department of Water Resources
Attention: Karl Dreher, Director of Idaho Department of Water Resources

Pahsimeroi Water District 73 and the water users of the Pahsimeroi Valley have moved to form an Irrigation District for more jurisdiction. We are moving to comply with your request for an acceptable plan for the year 2003 and future water use within the valley.

Through this there will be installed legal measuring devices in all diversions with decreed water holdings. Enclosed are the individual copies of water plans with this letter.

We would appreciate your review and comments of what is acceptable with the department.

Upon the beginning of the water season there will be an inspection of lockable head gates and measuring devices by the water master to determine if these devices are in compliance with Idaho water law. If the devices are not in compliance with Idaho law, there will be no water delivered until an acceptable head gate and measuring device is installed and inspected or a workable plan is submitted to the water district and the Dept. of Water Resources. (Section 42-701 Idaho Code.)

This is part of the effort to bring water district #73 into compliance with state law and also to prepare us for the water adjudication that is currently scheduled for 2004.

As you will see with the attached submitted plans, a large number are already in compliance. As all water users in the district have been working on this issue with the Federal Fish and Wild Life Agency; Custer Soil Conservation District and Idaho Department of Fish and Game to install headgates and fish screens in all diversions requiring within the basin.

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As the water master is a state employee, documentation will be submitted to the state, of the water use, place of use and description of diversion.

Custer Soil District has requested that the Bureau of Reclamation to work in the Pahsimeroi Valley because of the complicated issues confronting a water user for the difficult issue of putting a headgate, fish screen or any device that will hold during normal season from above normal stream flow.

Your help in bringing the district into compliance is required and would be greatly appreciated. We need to be notified within thirty days of those plans that are not acceptable so that the district can work to get those individuals in compliance.

Please submit any plans submitted to your office by any Pahsimeroi water users that are not included in the plans that we are submitting so that we can include them with our Water District plans as we are a short a few names on our list.

Thank you for your patience and the time your staff has spent coming to our meetings to help us through these issues.

Any questions or concerns please contact
Jim Dowton , Secretary Water District # 73 876-4264 or
Debbie O'Neal, Sec. -Pahsimeroi Basin Irrigation District--876-4260
Karma Bragg- Custer Soil District- 879-4428
Larry Weeks- Idaho Department of Fish & Game Screen Shop- 756-6022

Sincerely,
Water District # 73
Pahsimeroi River
Jimmie L. Dowton---Secretary

