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Mr. Fred Brossy, Chairman
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Dear Fred,

Thank you for your kind letter of February 1. I have delayed responding while we have coordinated plans for a public informational meeting. We plan to hold an informational meeting on March 14 at the Community Campus in Hailey, starting at 6:30 pm. I have visited with Watermaster Kevin Lakey and we agreed it would be appropriate for someone from Water Districts 37 & 37M to discuss their request for a measurement district and their views on the need for a district. Blaine County Commissioner Larry Schoen will also discuss his plans for a working group to address ground water/surface water conjunctive water use issues. The Department will address its expectations and views on how a measurement district would work and answer questions.

As for the process, I think we have to take it a step at a time. I presume that the next action following the informational meeting will be a formal notice announcing the Department's intention to form a measurement district, which would start the formal process. The Department's resources are strained but we intend to keep moving forward on forming a district and would hope to have a district in place and functioning by next spring.

I look forward to seeing you on March 14.

Sincerely,

Rich Rigby
Senior Advisor