



State of Idaho

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Director

February 5, 2015

Re: Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Expanded Ground Water Rights in the Raft River Critical Ground Water Area

Dear Water User:

Water rights records on file at the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department" or "IDWR") indicate that you are the owner of the above referenced ground water right(s) which was claimed and decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication ("SRBA") as an expansion right(s) pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1416B. An expansion right represents an expanded use of a ground water right located within a Critical Ground Water Area ("CGWA"), where the expanded use occurred after the designation of the CGWA and in violation of mandatory permit requirements.

Idaho Code § 42-1416B requires expansion rights to be curtailed "unless the director of the Department finds that a management program exists which will, within a time period acceptable to the director, limit the average annual water withdrawals from the aquifer designated in the critical ground water area to no more than the average annual recharge to the aquifer." The director must determine whether an adequate management program exists within two years after the completion of the SRBA. The SRBA was formerly completed on August 25, 2014, through the issuance of a final unifying decree by the SRBA District Court.

The Department has scheduled a public information meeting to inform the holders of ground water expansion rights about the requirements of Idaho Code § 42-1416B. The meeting is scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Raft River High School Auditorium, 55 North 1st West, Malta, ID

The meeting will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the hearing, please contact IDWR at least five days prior to the meeting.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Tim Luke, IDWR State Office, at 208-287-4959, or the IDWR Twin Falls Regional Office at 208-736-3033. A copy of this notice has been sent to all holders of expansion rights in the Raft River CGWA. A map of the Raft River CGWA, a list of Raft River CGWA expansion rights, and other related information may be found on the IDWR website by accessing the *CGWA Expansion Rights* link under the *What's New* tab located on the home page or www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Luke".

Tim Luke, Water Compliance Bureau