



State of Idaho

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Director

December 6, 2016

RE: Notice of Pre-Hearing Conferences Regarding Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Ground Water Management Area

Dear Interested Party,

You are receiving this letter because you participated in public meetings held by the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") concerning the creation of a ground water management area for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

I recently issued two orders related to the creation of a ground water management area for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. The first order created the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Ground Water Management Area ("ESPA GWMA Order"). The second order denied Sun Valley Company's petition for a declaratory ruling regarding my authority to create the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Ground Water Management Area ("Declaratory Ruling Order").

On November 16, 2016, Sun Valley Company filed petitions requesting hearings on the ESPA GWMA Order and the Declaratory Ruling Order. On December 2, 2016, I issued orders granting Sun Valley Company's requests for hearing and scheduling pre-hearing conferences for **January 12, 2017**.

The above-described documents can be found at the Department's websites for the matters at <https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/administrative-actions/ESPA-GWMA-petition.html> and <https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/administrative-actions/petitions-for-reconsideration-of-ESPA-GWMA.html>.

If you wish to participate in proceedings regarding the ESPA GWMA Order or the Declaratory Ruling Order, including the pre-hearing conferences on January 12, 2017, **you must file a petition to intervene** in accordance with the Department's Rules of Procedure. See [IDAPA 37.01.01.352](https://idwr.idaho.gov/rules/IDAPA%2037.01.01.352). A copy of the Department's Rules of Procedure can be found at <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/0101.pdf>.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Spackman".

Gary Spackman
Director