



State of Idaho

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN  
Director

March 23, 2017

**Re: Petition to designate the Big Lost River Basin a Critical Ground Water Area or Ground Water Management Area**

Dear Water User,

On September 19, 2016, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") received a petition from Rose Bernal, Butte County Commissioner, requesting that the Director ("Director") of the Department "designate a critical ground water area in the Big Lost River Basin." In January 2017, the Director received two letters from Moj Brodie, Chairman of the Big Lost River Ground Water District, opposing the petition and requesting that the Director consider designating the Big Lost River Basin a ground water management area. You are receiving this letter because the Department has identified that you are the holder of or have an interest in a water right or rights in the Big Lost River Basin that may be impacted by a critical ground water area or ground water management area designation.

The petition and letters can be found on the Department's website at: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/water-rights/critical-ground-water-areas/pending-petitions.html>. The Department has initiated a new contested case proceeding and has assigned the matter docket no. P-CGWA-2016-001.

The Director will hold a prehearing conference in the matter on **May 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. (MDT), at the Butte County School Auditorium, 700 Butte Ave., Arco, Idaho 83213.**

If you want to formally participate in the contested case, **you must file a petition to intervene with the Department by May 3, 2017, together with a filing fee of \$25**, in accordance with the Department's Rules of Procedure 350-352 and Idaho Code § 42-221(L). A copy of the Rules of Procedure may be obtained from the Department upon request or at: <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/0101.pdf>.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Tim Luke at (208) 287-4800.

Sincerely,

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

Gary Spackman  
Director