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Dear Bill:

RE: Boise River Operations

I have reviewed the draft memo intended to clarify coordination and notification procedures on the Boise. Our review of the draft reflects comments from our May 14 meeting. Several changes and additions need to be made to the memo to adequately involve the department and the Boise River watermaster.

1. The Boise River watermaster is a necessary party to initial discussions on proposed changes to system operations. Data that he collects and operations he intends to make will influence the releases. Contact with the watermaster should be made a part of the responsibility of the Reservoir and River Operations Branch prior to a decision on release rates being made to maintain flows at Glenwood Bridge.

2. The watermaster must be notified in advance of any changes to the releases from Lucky Peak to maintain the set flow at Glenwood Bridge. Likewise, the watermaster must coordinate with the Project Office to advise them of changes in irrigation diversions. The method that has worked well in the past to insure prior watermaster notice is to have the dam tender notified of changes to be made in releases by the watermaster.

3. IDWR needs to be advised of major changes in flood operations, both increases and decreases in flow. This notification would preferably be from the Reservoir and River Operations Branch to the department's Hydrology Branch.

4. While the memo under discussion may not be the appropriate vehicle, public notice procedures need to be documented.

5. Flood operation releases should not be pinpointed to maintain an exact flow at Glenwood Bridge. Efforts should be made to keep the flow within a

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range of plus or minus, perhaps 200 cfs. Adjustments to fine tune flows at Glenwood force adjustments to canal diversions which again change the flow at Glenwood. The resulting instability in operation merely causes extra work for your people, the watermaster and the water users without really having a necessary effect on the overall flood operation.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to this matter and trust that our working relationship on river operation is being strengthened.

Sincerely,

A. KENNETH DUNN
Director

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cc: H. Koelling, Boise River watermaster