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FROM: C. Stephen Allred *CSA*

RE: Big Wood River Appropriations.

Effective immediately, no additional water permits for consumptive use* of surface water during the period June 15 to November 1 will be issued on the Big Wood River and tributaries in the reach upstream from the Magic Reservoir damsite.

The water in this reach of the river has been determined to be fully appropriated by the existing waterusers, and therefore, no water is available for any additional consumptive uses.

Persons wishing to file applications for permit in this area should be advised of the limited season of use and possible denial of the permit.

Applications for permit downstream from the Magic Reservoir damsite must still be evaluated individually to determine whether water is available.

*For purposes of this memo, the consumptiveness of a use must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Irrigation and municipal uses are always consumptive, but industrial, commercial, mining, stockwater, recreation, wildlife, fish propagation, power, heating, cooling and aesthetics may or may not be consumptive depending on the circumstances of the use. Domestic can be considered to be non-consumptive, but a condition will be added that no water can be used for irrigation, lawn or garden watering as a part of the domestic water right.

BIG WOOD RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN ABOVE MAGIC RESERVOIR

