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BOISE - (Feb. 10, 2017) – Widespread flooding conditions in the Magic Valley has caused some residents to express concern about the safety of Oakley Dam, located on Goose Creek in Cassia County. In response to these concerns, Gary Spackman, Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR), issued this statement today:

“IDWR is presently unaware of any conditions that would lead to the failure of the Oakley Dam. IDWR does not believe, under current conditions, that uncontrolled releases from the dam will result in any flooding downstream of the dam.

“IDWR is working closely with local entities such as the Oakley Canal Company, the Flood Control District and federal entities such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service to carefully monitor changing weather and reservoir conditions.”

Spackman said that the dam passed inspection 2.5 years ago by IDWR officials.

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