

Outline Of Watermaster Instructions
Delivery of “Saved Water” from use of Baseline Bypass and Extension
Bypass Canals
Chapman and Coffin Decrees

1. Initiate Delivery of Chapman decree “Saved Water”

Delivery initiated at time when Big Wood River near Glendale Bridge is dammed and all flow of water from river can be conveyed to the Baseline Bypass canal.

2. Initiate Delivery of Coffin decree “Saved Water”

Delivery initiated when Big Wood River priority rights of 6/15/1883 are cut or not deliverable due to insufficient water supply in Big Wood River system. This priority cut occurs after the flow of the river is dammed at Glendale Bridge and the river is turned into the Baseline Bypass. If this cut is made and a portion of the remaining flow in the lower reach of the Baseline Bypass cannot be turned into the Extension Bypass due to insufficient carrying capacity of the Extension Bypass canal, then remaining flow shall be delivered past the heading of the Extension Bypass to the river for delivery of senior rights at Canal No. 61 or the Wood River Ranches diversion.

3. Curtail Delivery of Coffin decree “Saved Water”

The Coffin “saved water” should be curtailed when rights below the heading to the Extension Bypass that are senior to 6/15/1883 can not be fully delivered. (Normally after lower reach of Baseline Bypass is dammed and all remaining Baseline Bypass water is turned into the heading of the Extension Bypass.)

4. Reduction of Chapman decree “Saved Water”

Delivery of the Chapman “saved water” should be based on the prorata share of senior priority water (prior to 6/15/1883) deliverable in the Baseline Bypass and Extension Bypass system. (For example if 20 cfs out of the 58.84 cfs is delivered (34%) then 6.12 cfs of the 18 cfs of “saved water” could be delivered.) *Proportionate reduction of priority rights along the Baseline Bypass and Extension Bypass system should be done in accordance with priority dates (i.e., reduce most junior rights first).*

5. Curtail Delivery of Chapman decree “Saved Water”

Delivery of Chapman “saved water” should be curtailed when delivery of all priority rights through the Baseline Bypass canal is futile (See Item 6 below) or not called for during the irrigation season. *Note: This is not intended to include “Winter saved water” decreed to Big Wood Canal Company under right 37-895.*

6. Futile Call Determination: Baseline Bypass Saved Water Rights & Senior Priority Rights

The watermaster should follow the direction provided by the letter dated July 11, 2002 from Norm Young of IDWR to Lee Peterson, Water District 37 watermaster, when considering

or making a futile call determination.

7. Delivery of "Saved Water" to Holders of Chapman and Coffin Decreed Rights
For the "saved water" rights held by the Upper Big Wood River Water Users Association (UBWRWUA), the UBWRWUA must provide to the watermaster an updated list of shareholders names, amount of shares held by each shareholder and locations of points of diversions where shares are to be delivered. Until an updated list is received from the UBWRWUA the watermaster will deliver any "saved water" decreed to the UBWRWUA based on the last updated list that is on record at the water district office. "Saved water" shall be delivered only to those shareholders that are valid water users as per the water district records. For this purpose, a valid water right user shall be any individual or organization that also holds other valid water rights in the district subject to delivery and assessment by the watermaster. The watermaster will deliver the "saved water" to the normal points of diversion that are associated with these valid water right users. Other decreed rights in the Chapman and Coffin decrees should be delivered based on ownership of those rights as reflected by IDWR water right records and the watermaster's records.

8. Rotation of "Saved Water"
Rotation of blocks of "saved water", particularly rotation of blocks under the UBWRWUA rights should not continue unless IDWR or the SRBA court provides approval or direction. IDWR may authorize the watermaster to rotate portions of the "saved water" if the UBWRWUA provides the information as outlined in item 7 above and if the UBWRWUA provides the watermaster with a proposed rotation scheme. Any new rotation scheme must be approved either in a new permanent transfer or temporary drought transfer. Any rotation scheme will be subject to review and approval by both IDWR and the watermaster.