

**NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN AQUIFER
GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA AND RESCINDANCE OF AMERICAN
FALLS GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA DESIGNATION**

Notice is hereby given that on November 2, 2016, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources signed two related final orders: (1) designating the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Ground Water Management Area (ESPA GWMA); and (2) rescinding the American Falls Ground Water Management Area (American Falls GWMA). These actions, conducted pursuant to Section 42-233b, Idaho Code, were initiated on a determination that the ground water system in the area may be approaching the conditions of a critical ground water area and the management of ground water resources within the existing American Falls GWMA, while still warranted, should continue into the future as part of the larger ESPA GWMA.

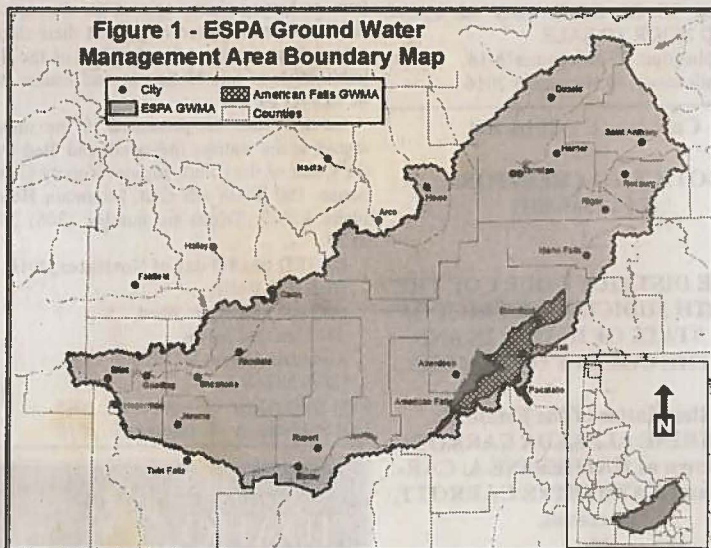
The location of the ESPA GWMA is shown on the attached map (refer to Figure 1).

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1701A(3), any person aggrieved by the action of the Director shall be entitled to a hearing before the director to contest the action. The person shall file with the Director, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of actual notice, a written petition stating the grounds for contesting the action by the Director and requesting a hearing. Petition for Reconsideration must be filed with the Department with one of the following locations: IDWR Eastern Region, 900 N. Skyline Drive, Suite A, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402-1718; IDWR Southern Region, 650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 500, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-5858; or IDWR State Office, PO Box 83720, Boise Idaho, 83720-0098.

Copies of the order can be viewed on the Department's website at:

<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/files/legal/orders/20161102-Order-Designating-the-Eastern-Snake-Plain-Aquifer-GWMA.pdf>

<https://www.idwr.idaho.gov/files/legal/orders/20161102-Final-Order-Rescinding-American-Falls-GWMA.pdf>



Gary Spackman, Director

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

County of Elmore }
State of Idaho } ss.

I, **Brenda M. Fincher**, do solemnly swear that I am the
Publisher of the:

Mountain Home News

A weekly newspaper of general circulation, published once a week, in Mountain Home, Idaho, that the notice attached hereto which is a part of publication thereof; was published in said newspaper for 2 consecutive weeks, the first publication having been made on the 23rd day of Nov, 2016, and the last publication having been made on the 30th day of Nov, 2016; every Wednesday issue of the paper during the period and time of publication and that the notice was published in the paper proper and not in a supplement thereof.

And I further swear that the said Mountain Home News has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said Elmore County during the period of 78 consecutive weeks prior to the first publication of the attached notice.

Brenda M. Fincher

Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to me this 30th day of Nov, 2016.

[Signature]

Notary Public

Residing in Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho.

My commission expires **11-17-2017**.

