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RE: Notice of Basin 37 Administrative Proceeding

Dear Water Right Holder,

You are receiving this letter because, according to the records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”), you are the holder of one or more ground water or surface water rights within Water District 37 (Big and Little Wood River basin, including Silver Creek) or Water District 37B (Camas Creek basin).

A drought is predicted for the 2021 irrigation season and the water supply in the Little Wood River-Silver Creek drainage may be inadequate to meet the needs of surface water users in that area. Therefore, the Director of the Department has initiated an administrative proceeding to determine if the surface water rights in the Little Wood River-Silver Creek drainage will be injured in the 2021 irrigation season by pumping from junior-priority ground water rights in the Wood River Valley south of Bellevue. The administrative proceeding could result in curtailment of junior-priority ground water rights south of Bellevue this irrigation season. Domestic uses as defined in Idaho Code § 42-111, and stock watering uses as defined in Idaho Code § 42-1401A(11) are not subject to curtailment under the administrative proceeding.

Attached to this letter is the *Notice of Administrative Proceeding, Pre-Hearing Conference, and Hearing*. The notice provides details of the administrative proceeding and explains how you may participate in the administrative proceeding. The administrative proceeding may affect surface and ground water rights beyond the Little Wood-Silver Creek drainage and Bellevue areas. Therefore, this notice has been sent to holders of ground and surface water rights administered by Water Districts 37 and 37B, except domestic and stock water rights described above.

Many ground water right holders in the Wood River Valley are members of either South Valley or Galena Ground Water Districts and may be represented by those ground water districts in this matter. A list of ground water district contacts is available on the Department’s website at: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/files/districts/groundwater-district-contacts.pdf>

Any questions regarding the administrative proceeding may be directed to the Department’s State Office at (208) 287-4800, or Southern Region Office at (208) 736-3033. If you have questions regarding notice of intent to participate or details of the pre-hearing conference you may contact Kimberle English at (208) 287-4815.

Sincerely,

Gary Spackman
Director