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February 4, 2014

## RE: Notice of Pending Curtailment of Ground Water Rights with Priority Dates Junior to July 13, 1962 – Rangen Delivery Call

Dear Water User:

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") has issued a curtailment order requiring the holders of consumptive ground water rights bearing priority dates junior to July 13, 1962, to curtail or refrain from diverting ground water under those rights beginning at 12:01 a.m. on March 14, 2014, unless notified by the Department that the order of curtailment has been modified or rescinded as to their water rights. The records of the Department indicate that you are the holder of one or more consumptive ground water rights bearing a priority date junior to July 13, 1962. The Director's curtailment order directed the watermaster of Water District 130 to notify all affected ground water right holders in the district of the pending curtailment.

The Director's curtailment order, dated January 28, 2014, was issued in response to a call by Rangen, Inc. ("Rangen") for delivery of water to satisfy water rights held by Rangen. These rights authorize the diversion of water for fish propagation from the Martin-Curren Tunnel located southeast of Hagerman. The Director determined that diversion and use of consumptive ground water rights within Water District 130 that are junior to July 13, 1962, cause material injury to Rangen's July 13, 1962, priority water right.

The curtailment order affects consumptive ground water rights for irrigation, commercial, industrial, municipal, non-exempt domestic and stockwater use, and other consumptive uses. Non-consumptive uses and culinary in-house uses of water are not subject to curtailment.

The curtailment order provides that the holders of affected ground water rights may, as an alternative to curtailment, participate in a mitigation plan through a Ground Water District or an Irrigation District, if a plan is proposed by such districts. Holders of ground water rights that are not members of a ground water district may be deemed a nonmember participant for mitigation purposes pursuant to H.B. No. 737 (*Act Relating to the Administration of Ground Water Rights within the Eastern Snake River Plain,* ch. 356, 2006 Idaho Session Laws 1089) and Idaho Code § 42-5259. If a mitigation plan is approved, and the holder of a junior priority ground water right that is subject to curtailment elects not to join a ground water district, the Director will require curtailment of the right.

A copy of the Director's January 28, 2014, curtailment order and a list of water rights subject to curtailment can be found on the Department's website at: <u>http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/</u> under the "What's New" heading and the "Rangen Curtailment Order" subheading. Also available on the website are maps showing the area where ground water rights must be curtailed and boundaries of Ground Water Districts, Irrigation Districts and Water Districts in the area of curtailment and the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ("ESPA"). Ground Water Districts in the ESPA

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and Water District 130 include the Magic Valley, North Snake and Carey Valley Ground Water Districts. Contact information for these districts are provided on the Department's website using the same link and directions given above. If you do not have internet access and would like copies of any of these documents, please contact my office at 208-736-3033, or the Department's State Office in Boise at 208-287-4800.

You may also contact me or the Department at the offices and phone numbers listed above if you have questions concerning this curtailment notice. Water District 130 will notify you if there are any changes in the notice of curtailment.

Respectfully,

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Cindy Yenter, Watermaster

cc: Gary Spackman, IDWR Director North Snake Ground Water District Magic Valley Ground Water District Carey Valley Ground Water District



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The Director's curtailment order, dated January 28, 2014, was issued in response to a call by Rangen, Inc. ("Rangen") for delivery of water to satisfy water rights held by Rangen. These rights authorize the diversion of water from for fish propagation from the Martin-Curren Tunnel located southeast of Hagerman. The Director determined that diversion and use of consumptive ground water rights within Water District 140 that are junior to July 13, 1962, cause material injury to Rangen's July 13, 1962, priority water right.

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curtailment and the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ("ESPA"). Irrigation Districts and Ground Water Districts in the ESPA and Water District 140 include the Southwest Irrigation District, Goose Creek Irrigation District and the Magic Valley Ground Water District. Contact information for these districts are provided on the Department's website using the same link and directions given above. If you do not have internet access and would like copies of any of these documents, please contact my office at 208-650-6605, or the Department's regional office in Twin Falls at 208-736-3033, or the Department's State Office in Boise at 208-287-4800.

You may also contact me or the Department at the offices and phone numbers listed above if you have questions concerning this curtailment notice. Water District 140 will notify you if there are any changes in the notice of curtailment.

Respectfully,

Brian Higgs P.G.

Brian Higgs, Watermaster

cc: Gary Spackman, IDWR Director Southwest Irrigation District Goose Creek Irrigation District Magic Valley Ground Water District