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Re: Final Order Requiring Measuring Devices for Ground Water Diversions in the Portions of Water District Nos. 31, 34, 100, 110, 120, 130 and 140 Overlying the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer

Dear Water User,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") has issued the enclosed Final Order ("Order") requiring installation of measuring devices for ground water rights and diversions overlying the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer¹ ("ESPA"). The enclosed Order is a final order pursuant to Section 67-5246, Idaho Code. Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of a final order as explained in the enclosed information sheet.

Please note that flow meters must be installed on ground water irrigation diversions by the start of the 2018 irrigation season, and on non-irrigation diversions by January 1, 2018. The Order excludes the following ground water uses and diversions unless further notified by the Department:

- a. Domestic and stockwater uses as defined by Section 42-111, Idaho Code;
- b. Diversions for irrigation uses less than or equal to five (5) acres; and
- c. Non-irrigation uses with a total rate of diversion less than or equal to 0.24 cubic feet per second (approximately 108 gallons per minute).

Please refer to the enclosed documents "*Minimum Acceptable Standards for Open Channel and Closed Conduit Measuring Devices*" and "*List of Approved Closed Conduit Measuring Devices*" for information on types of IDWR acceptable measuring devices. These documents and other information on the topic are available on IDWR's website at the following address:

http://idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterMeasurement/water_measurement.htm

If you have questions concerning the Final Order or IDWR's water measurement standards, please contact the IDWR State office (208-287-4800), Eastern Regional office (208-525-7161), or Southern Regional office (208-736-3033).

Respectfully,

Tim Luke
Water Compliance Bureau

Encl: *Final Order; Explanatory Information to Accompany a Final Order; Minimum Acceptable Standards for Open Channel and Closed Conduit Measuring Devices; List of Approved Closed Conduit Measuring Devices*

¹ The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is: [T]he aquifer underlying the Eastern Snake River Plain as the aquifer is defined in the report, Hydrology and Digital Simulation of the Regional Aquifer System, Eastern Snake River Plain, Idaho, USGS Professional Paper 1408-F, 1992 excluding areas south of the Snake River and west of the line separating Sections 34 and 35, Township 10 South, Range 20 East, Boise Meridian. IDAPA 37.03.011.50.