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RE: Bear River Appropriations

Effective immediately, no additional water permits for consumptive use* of surface water during the period April 15 to October 15 will be issued on the Bear River and tributaries, Basins 11 and 13.

The water tributary to the Bear River in these two basins has been determined to be fully appropriated by the existing water users, and therefore no water is available for any additional consumptive uses.

Persons wishing to file applications for permit for surface water in these basins should be advised of the limited season of use and possible denial of the permit.

*For purposes of this memo, the consumptiveness of a use must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Irrigation and municipal uses are always consumptive, but industrial, commercial, mining, stockwater, recreation, wildlife, fish propagation, power, heating, cooling and aesthetics may or may not be consumptive depending on the circumstances of the use. Domestic can be considered to be non-consumptive, but a condition will be added that no water can be used for irrigation, lawn or garden watering as a part of the domestic water right.