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Twin Falls Canal Company
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RE: Request for Place of Use Information

Dear Surface Water Coalition Water Users:

As you are aware, the "Final Order Regarding the Surface Water Delivery Call" dated September 5, 2008, provides in Finding of Fact No. 28 as follows:

Because of the need for ongoing administration, the Director will issue a separate, final order before the end of 2008 detailing his approach for predicting material injury to reasonable in-season demand and reasonable carryover for the 2009 irrigation season. An opportunity for hearing on the order will be provided.

We at IDWR are working to prepare this separate, final order. We have found, however, that some additional information is needed. The Hearing Officer wrote the following in the "Opinion Constituting Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation" dated April 29, 2008, in item XIV(7) at page 53:

- e. Non-irrigated acres should not be considered in determining the irrigation supply necessary for SWC members.
- f. Calculation of a water budget should be based on acres, not shares.

To comply with this guidance we must compute the number of acres irrigated by a water delivery organization in a given year. This number can be estimated by reviewing the number of acres irrigated in a recent year for which a data set is available. Significant

GIS information is available for 2006. This information has been posted to the IDWR website at:

http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/Calls/Surface_Water_Coalition_Call/

Maps depicting this GIS information for your water delivery organization are enclosed with this letter (Enclosure A). Note that the maps identify the acres found to be irrigated within your water delivery organization boundary. Also depicted are lands for which ground water rights are available.

Summary information is provided on enclosed charts. The chart depicting "Total Irrigated Area" for each water delivery organization identifies acres that appear to be overlapped between various companies. As a starting point the overlapping acres have not been assigned to a specific canal company or irrigation district – we are seeking information to determine which organization provides the water for these acres. The second chart depicts the acreage counts for "Ground Water Irrigated Area" and the third chart depicts "Surface Water Irrigated Area." Note that as a starting point we have subtracted the ground water acres from the total irrigated areas to compute the surface water irrigated areas. We request that the water delivery organization identify which of the ground water irrigated acres also receive water from the surface water delivery organization.

The information enclosed is not final and is just a starting point. We seek input from the water delivery organizations to correct any aspect of this information. We plan to work with your organizations to clarify the places of use and compute accurate acreages. Several of your organizations have already worked with Ms. Danielle Favreau of our office (208-287-4938) on GIS matters. She is our contact on the GIS aspects of this letter – if you have questions or concerns about the policy aspects please contact me. Please provide the updated information no later than **Friday, December 12, 2008**, to enable timely completion of this order.

Sincerely,



David R. Tuthill, Jr.
Director

cc: See Certificate of Service

Enclosures:

- A – Maps depicting GIS information (each addressee receives only maps for its area)
- B – Chart of Total Irrigated Area
- C – Chart of Ground Water Irrigated Area
- D – Chart of Surface Water Irrigated Area

Enclosure A –

Set of Maps sent to each Water Delivery Organization in Original Mailing

Total Irrigated Area (in Acres)

	A&B Irrigation District	American Falls Reservoir District #2	Burley Irrigation District	Milner Irrigation District	Minidoka Irrigation District	North Side Canal Company Ltd	Twin Falls Canal Company	Southwest Irrigation District	Big Bend Irrigation & Mining Company	King Hill Irrigation District	Salmon River Canal Company
A&B Irrigation District	100,869				3,382	2,875					
American Falls Reservoir District #2		99,490				5,277					
Burley Irrigation District			48,480		58			12,278			
Milner Irrigation District				7,966			5,064	98			
Minidoka Irrigation District	3,382		58		65,005						
North Side Canal Company Ltd	2,875	5,277				212,475			4	231	
Twin Falls Canal Company				5,064			178,868	5,942			3,266
Total Irrigation District Irrigated Acres	107,126	104,767	48,538	13,030	68,445	220,627	183,932				

Note: non-overlapping acres are highlighted in gray.

Enclosure B

Ground Water Irrigated Area (in Acres)

	A&B Irrigation District	American Falls Reservoir District #2	Burley Irrigation District	Milner Irrigation District	Minidoka Irrigation District	North Side Canal Company Ltd	Twin Falls Canal Company	Southwest Irrigation District	Big Bend Irrigation & Mining Company	King Hill Irrigation District	Salmon River Canal Company
A&B Irrigation District	23,965				442	242					
American Falls Reservoir District #2		20,932				1,139					
Burley Irrigation District			9,067		1			11,573			
Milner Irrigation District				225			279	1			
Minidoka Irrigation District	442		1		4,811						
North Side Canal Company Ltd	242	1,139				76,748			0	78	
Twin Falls Canal Company				279			15,910	5,143			1,352
Total	24,649	22,071	9,068	504	5,254	78,129	16,189				

Note: Non-overlapping acres are in gray.

Surface Water Irrigated Area (in Acres)

	A&B Irrigation District	American Falls Reservoir District #2	Burley Irrigation District	Milner Irrigation District	Minidoka Irrigation District	North Side Canal Company Ltd	Twin Falls Canal Company	Southwest Irrigation District	Big Bend Irrigation & Mining Company	King Hill Irrigation District	Salmon River Canal Company
A&B Irrigation District	76,904				2,941	2,633					
American Falls Reservoir District #2		78,557				4,138					
Burley Irrigation District			39,413		56			705			
Milner Irrigation District				7,741			4,784	97			
Minidoka Irrigation District	2,941		56		60,194						
North Side Canal Company Ltd	2,633	4,138				135,727			4	153	
Twin Falls Canal Company				4,784			162,958	798			1,914
Total Surface Water Irrigated Acres	82,478	82,695	39,469	12,525	63,191	142,498	167,742				

Note: non-overlapping acres are highlighted in gray.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of November, 2008, the above and foregoing Request for Place of Use Information, was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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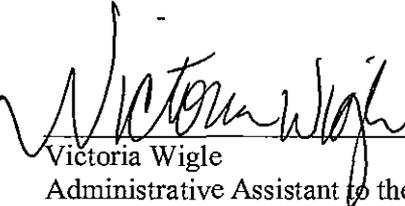
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