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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Water User
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City, State Zip

Dear Water User:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources' (Department or IDWR) intends to initiate steps to create a water district that would provide for the administration of water rights from the Snake River between Milner and Swan Falls Dams. Several factors affecting the Snake River in this river reach have focused the Department's attention on the need to create a water district for the administration of water rights, including the measurement and reporting of diversions from the river. These factors include:

1. The Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) is nearing completion.
2. The SRBA District Court issued an order on September 12, 2011 authorizing the Director of IDWR to distribute water in accordance with partial decrees issued by the SRBA Court and water rights that have been recommended by the Director to the SRBA District Court.
3. Settlement of the Swan Falls minimum in-stream flow rights held by the State of Idaho necessitate the creation of a water district to measure water use diversions, including reservoir flows, in order to protect the minimum stream flows.

The Department has scheduled a public information meeting as follows:

Date:	**January 17, 2012**
Time:	**6:30 pm**
Location:	**Mountain Home Junior High School***
	The Commons Room
	1600 East 6th St. South
	Mountain Home, Idaho

The purpose of the meeting will be to inform water users of the requirements of water districts, the anticipated schedule for district creation, and to gather feedback. The meeting will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please contact IDWR at least five days prior to the meeting.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the IDWR State Office Water Distribution Section at 208-287-4800, the IDWR Regional Office in Boise at 208-334-2190, or the IDWR Twin Falls Regional Office at 208-736-3033. A copy of this notice has been sent to all holders of water rights from the Snake River between Milner Dam and the Murphy Gage below Swan Falls Dam except in-stream stock water rights with a diversion rate of 0.02 cubic feet per second (cfs) or less.

* Directions from I-84: Take Exit 95 (Mt. Home/Fairfield/US 20) and turn west on American Legion Blvd towards city center, proceed about 0.8 mi. to 18th St., turn left onto 18th St, go about 0.5 mi and turn right onto 6th St., Junior High is to the right on 6th St.