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RE: Motion for Interim Administration in Basin 29

Dear Water User:

Because of the continuing drought, IDWR issued an order in 2001 creating the American Falls Ground Water Management Area for the purpose of administering certain ground water rights. In response, representatives of ground water and surface water users signed a stipulated agreement that provides a framework for the administration of hydraulically connected water rights during the irrigation season.

On February 19, 2002, the Department created Water District 120 to enforce the stipulated agreement and to provide for long-term administration of affected ground water rights. IDWR intends to enlarge Water District 120 to include some water rights recommended to the SRBA District Court in Basin 29. The Office of the Attorney General has agreed to file a Motion for Order of Interim Administration with the SRBA District Court, which also requires notification of potentially affected water right holders. Therefore, the Motion for Order of Interim Administration and related documents are being sent to recorded SRBA claimants in Basin 29 holding water rights that IDWR intends to administer through Water District No. 120.

Included in this mailing are: (1) Motion for Order of Interim Administration and Notice of Hearing; (2) Brief in Support of Motion for Order of Interim Administration; (3) Affidavit of Tim Luke, Section Manager for the IDWR Water Distribution Section; and (4) an area map showing the affected portions of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. If you have any questions, please call the Idaho Department of Water Resources Adjudication hot line at 1-800-451-4129.

Sincerely,

Karl J. Dreher
Director

Enclosures