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Attached List

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
(SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION ON JULY 31, 2001)

You are invited to attend a meeting
with the Director and staff of the Idaho Department of Water Resources on:

Thursday, August 2, 2001
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
DEQ, Conference Rooms A and B
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho

Concerning:
Designation of one or more Ground Water Management Areas
Within the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer

The current drought, which is pervasive throughout the Snake River Basin, may or may not continue through all or a portion of the 2002 water year. Since early spring of this year, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") has been considering alternatives for appropriate administrative actions to address the diminished water supplies that will be available should the drought continue. The primary alternatives under consideration are whether to designate one or more ground water management areas for the Eastern Snake River Plan Aquifer and whether to order water right holders on a priority basis to cease or reduce withdrawals until water supply conditions are more favorable.

The meeting announced above has been scheduled by IDWR to: (1) describe the issues that may require designation of one or more ground water management areas; (2) present the results of evaluations that have been conducted to support IDWR's decision to designate or not to designate; and (3) announce IDWR's decision.

If you plan to attend this meeting, it is important that you call Lisa Hall at (208) 327-7910 to confirm that the meeting will be held as scheduled and to ensure that sufficient seating is available.