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RE: Director's orders establishing the Thousand Springs and American Falls Ground Water Management Areas

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the following deadlines for submitting requests for participation in hearings regarding the two newly-designated ground water management areas:

August 31, 2001	Thousand Springs Ground Water Management Area
September 7, 2001	American Falls Ground Water Management Area

These dates are based upon the following information: (1) The notices designating the areas, which provide that a request for hearing may be submitted up to 15 days after the **final date of publication;** (2) Confirmation from Philip Rassier in a telephone conversation with Deborah Nelson earlier today that such deadlines are correct; and (3) Information supplied by Mr. Rassier that the final date of publication in the Thousand Springs area was August 16th and the final date of publication in the American Falls area is August 23, 2001.

If these deadlines are not correct, please notify us immediately. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of: J.R. Simplot Co., Lamb-Weston, Basic American Foods, City of Pocatello, and North Snake Ground Water District

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