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RE: Reminder of Deadline to Install Controlling Works and Measuring Devices

Dear Water User:

On May 10, 2024, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) issued a Preliminary Order (Order) requiring the installation of lockable controlling works and approved measuring devices for certain surface water diversions in Water District 65 (WD65), Payette River and Tributaries. A copy of the order can be found at <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/districts/WD65-MD-Order-MAILING-PACKET.pdf>

The purpose of this letter is to remind WD65 water users there is a June 1, 2026 deadline to install acceptable measuring devices and controlling works on diversions subject to the Order.

Any diversion serving one or more water rights must be equipped with a lockable controlling works and approved measuring device if; 1) the sum of the irrigation use under the water right(s) exceeds 5 acres, or 2) the sum of the diversion rate under the water right(s) for non-irrigation use exceeds 0.24 cfs (appx. 108 gpm).

Additional information regarding the requirements in the Order:

- Lockable controlling works and measuring devices must be installed and maintained sufficiently for the watermaster to control, measure, and report the amount of water delivered.
- Approved measuring devices are qualified in the Department's *Minimum Acceptable Standards and Requirements for Open Channel and Closed Conduit Measuring Devices* available at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/water-data/water-measurement/>
- After June 1, 2026, the WD65 watermaster may refuse delivery of water to any diversion that has not been equipped with the required devices.

Please contact IDWR Water Distribution staff at 208-287-4800 or WD65 watermaster, Neil Shippy, at 208-642-4465 if you have questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

Steven Visosky, Water Compliance Bureau