

RESOLUTION #2001- 18

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DROUGHT DISASTER EMERGENCY EXISTS IN BOISE COUNTY.

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WHEREAS, Idaho Code §42-222A authorizes the Director of the Department of Water Resources, following the declaration of a drought emergency for an area designated by the Director and approved by the Governor, to allow temporary changes of point of diversion, place and purpose of use of valid existing water rights, so long as said changes will not injure existing water rights; and

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WHEREAS, based on the attached Exhibit “A”, water storage appears to be at 57% of normal levels and runoff appears to be at 44% of normal levels, which would make 2001 the third worst year for water on record; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the current low water levels pose an imminent threat of disaster to agriculture in Boise County, which constitutes an emergency as defined in Idaho Code §46-1002(4);

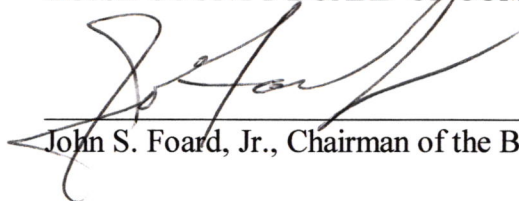
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WHEREAS, Elk Creek is not normally monitored for flows, but is at 1977 levels; normal is 6 cfs and presently is at 1.6 cfs; constituting a direct threat to the only water source for the municipal water system of the City of Idaho City;

NOW THEREFORE, good cause having been shown, the Chairman of the Boise County Board of County Commissioners hereby orders and declares that a local drought disaster emergency exists in Boise County and the Board of County Commissioners hereby consent to said declaration and orders and ratifies the same. The Board further orders that this declaration of local drought disaster emergency shall remain in effect until the end of the 2001 draught season, or until otherwise terminated by resolution of the Board, whichever occurs earlier.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 29th day of May 2001.

BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



John S. Foard, Jr., Chairman of the Board

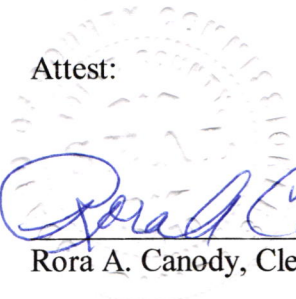
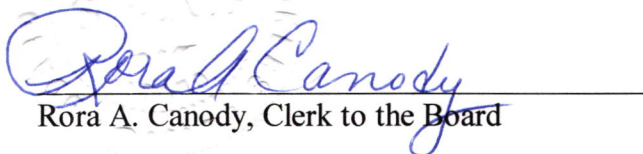


Roger B. Jackson, Commissioner



Dale Hanson, Commissioner

Attest:

Rora A. Canody, Clerk to the Board

BOISE COUNTY WATER SUPPLY SUMMARY

May 1 streamflow forecasts are well below normal:

South Fork Payette at Lowman	50%
Payette R nr Horseshoe Bend	31%
Mores Creek	49%

These low levels are similar to what was experienced in the 1992 and 1977 droughts. For the Payette basin, only 1977 appears to be drier than this year.

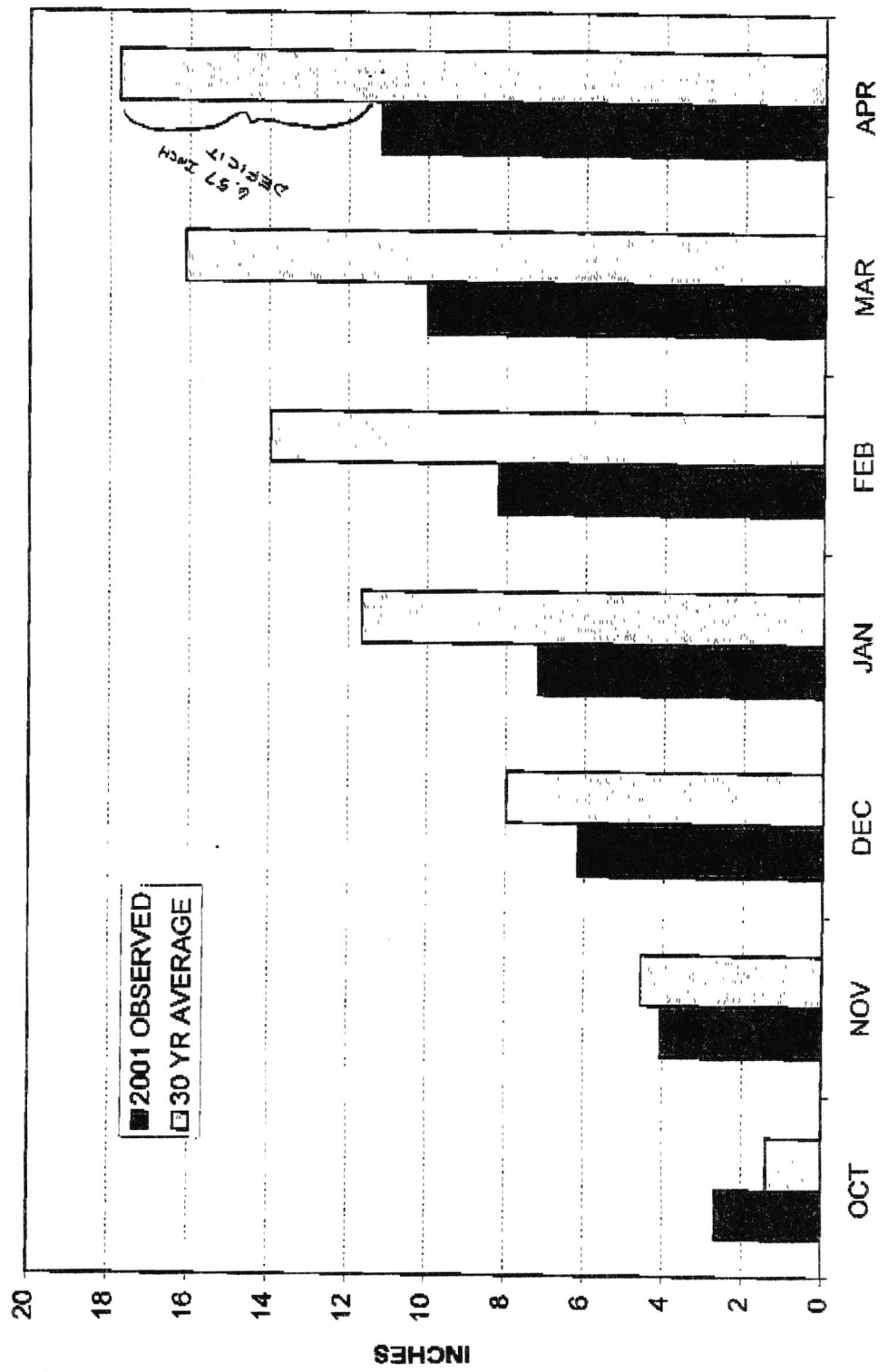
The low water supplies this year could impact irrigators with junior water rights along the main Payette near Horseshoe Bend if they are unable to purchase sufficient stored water.

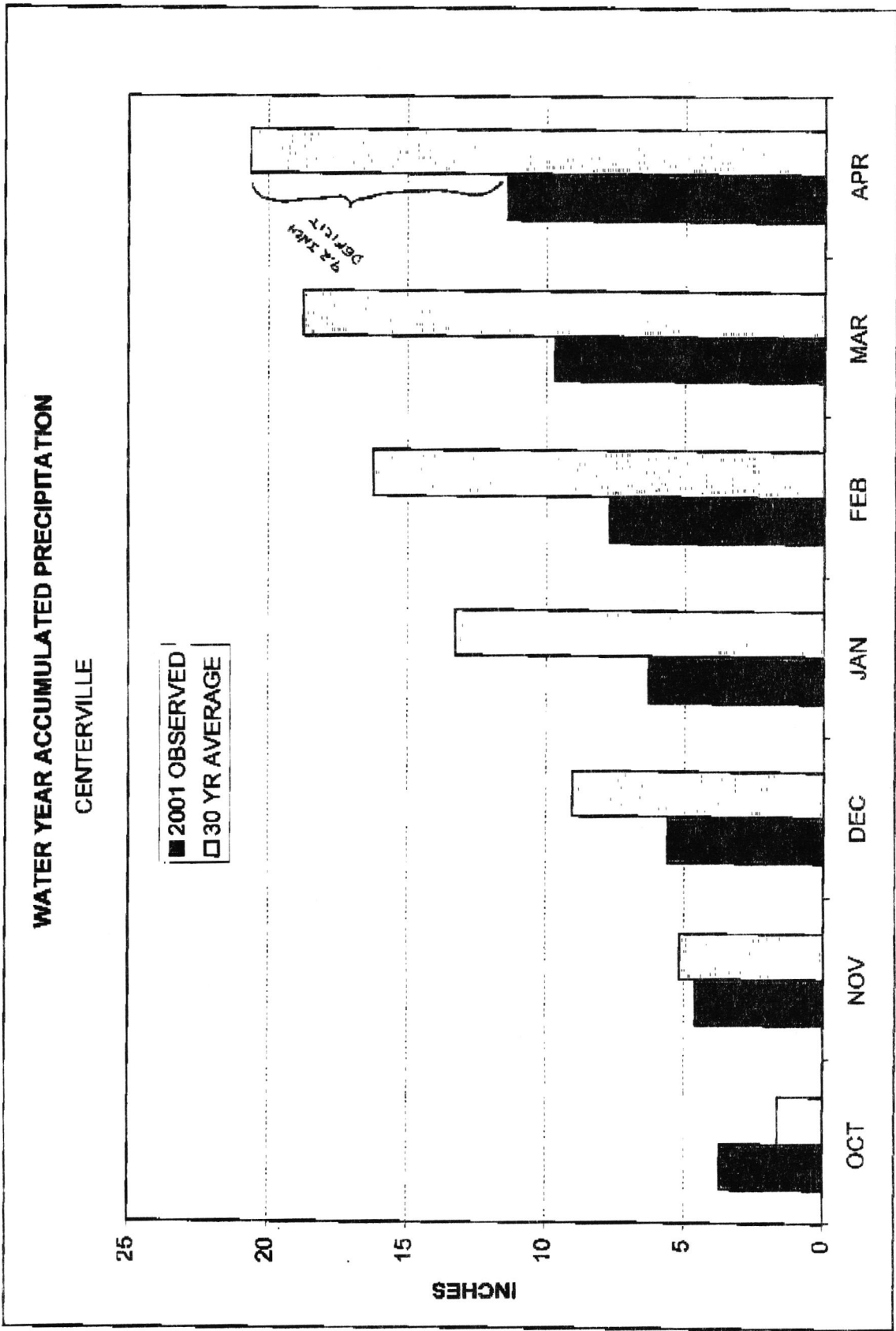
Most of the land area of the county is forest and rangeland which is not irrigated. Grazing yields depend on precipitation. With the exception of last October, precipitation this water year has been well below normal. The graphs for Centerville and Garden Valley illustrate the moisture deficit.

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WATER YEAR ACCUMULATED PRECIPITATION GARDEN VALLEY RANGER STATION





FROM NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR IDAHO

WEISER, PAYETTE, BOISE RIVER BASINS as of May 1, 2001

April precipitation was 133% of average, which helped, but did little to overcome this winter's moisture deficit. Cool and wet April weather helped to delay the snowmelt in the higher elevations but mid-elevations are nearly depleted. Snowline elevation was an average of 7,100 feet in the Boise basin the last week of April. The May-September streamflow forecast calls for 25% of average for the Weiser River, 32% for the Payette River at Horseshoe Bend and 37% for the Boise River near Boise. The Weiser basin snowpack is only 27% of average. The snowmelt streamflow peak has already occurred, and the stream is returning to low flow conditions already. Shortages are expected and water users should prepare for low flow levels for the rest of the season. The Payette basin snowpack is only slightly better at 39% of average. The Payette reservoir system is 67% full, will not refill, and will be at minimum levels by summer's end. Water supplies will be marginal for the Payette irrigators with some shortages occurring in September for junior water right holders. Boise basin snowpack is 44% of average. The reservoir system is 65% full and will not refill. Lucky Peak and Arrowrock reservoirs will be at minimum storage levels by late August. Anderson Ranch Reservoir will have about 70,000 acre-feet to maintain winter stream levels. Junior or reservoir storage water users will run out of water by late August. Senior water users should be okay. There is still enough snow to generate another streamflow rise, but with temperatures reaching into the 70s, the remaining snowpack won't last long.

WEISER, PAYETTE, BOISE RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Pt Forecast Period	<--- Drier == Future Conditions == Wetter --->						30 Yr Avg (1000AF)
	90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Prob) (1000AF) (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)		
WEISER near Weiser (1)							
MAY-JUL	3.0	31	63	25	95	166	250
MAY-SEP	3.0	36	70	25	104	179	279
SF PAYETTE at Lowman							
MAY-JUL	146	171	188	50	205	230	375
MAY-SEP	170	197	215	50	233	260	431
DEADWOOD RESERVOIR Inflow (1,2)							
MAY-JUL	25	40	47	39	54	69	120
MAY-SEP	28	44	51	40	58	74	127
LAKE FORK PAYETTE near McCall							
MAY-JUL	28	34	38	50	42	48	76
MAY-SEP	30	36	40	50	44	50	80
NF PAYETTE nr Cascade (1,2)							
MAY-JUL	32	98	128	31	158	224	407
MAY-SEP	39	110	142	32	174	245	442
NF PAYETTE nr Banks (2)							
MAY-JUL	55	117	159	31	201	263	512
MAY-SEP	65	132	178	32	224	291	554
PAYETTE nr Horseshoe Bend (1,2)							
MAY-JUL	177	344	420	32	496	663	1304

MAY-SEP	195	377	460	32	543	725	1442
BOISE near Twin Springs (1)							
MAY-JUL	123	182	209	41	236	295	509
MAY-SEP	156	220	249	44	278	342	564
SF BOISE at Anderson Ranch Dam (1,2)							
MAY-JUL	43	108	138	32	168	233	432
MAY-SEP	49	118	150	32	182	251	469
MORES CREEK near Arrowrock Dam							
MAY-JUL	10.0	29	37	48	45	56	77
MAY-SEP	20	32	40	49	48	60	82
BOISE near Boise (1,2)							
MAY-JUL	199	341	405	37	469	611	1090
MAY-SEP	227	377	445	37	513	663	1204

* 90%, 70%, 30%, and 10% chances of exceeding are the probabilities that the actual flow will exceed the volumes in the table.

The average is computed for the 1961-1990 base period.

- (1) - The values listed under the 10% and 90% Chance of Exceeding are actually 5% and 95% exceedance levels.
 (2) - The value is natural flow - actual flow may be affected by upstream water management.

WEISER, PAYETTE, BOISE RIVER BASINS
 Reservoir Storage (1000AF) End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	***** This Year	***** Usable Storage Last Year	***** Average
MANN CREEK	11.1	8.0	11.1	10.2
CASCADE	693.2	466.0	564.4	430.6
DEADWOOD	161.9	101.0	135.4	102.8
ANDERSON RANCH	450.2	250.8	367.2	327.0
ARROWROCK	272.2	193.6	274.3	204.0
LUCKY PEAK	293.2	218.8	260.3	195.5
LAKE LOWELL (DEER FLAT)	165.2	94.2	139.3	155.5

WEISER, PAYETTE, BOISE RIVER BASINS
 Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Mann Creek	1	85	43
Weiser River	3	67	27
North Fork Payette	8	59	36
South Fork Payette	4	69	38
Payette Basin Total	13	64	38
Middle & North Fork Boise	6	66	45
South Fork Boise River	7	61	44
Mores Creek	4	83	47
Boise Basin Total	13	67	44

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Deanna Stevenson, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that she is the Editor of THE IDAHO WORLD, a weekly newspaper published at Idaho City, in the County of Boise and the State of Idaho; the said paper has been and is in general circulation in the county aforesaid, and in the vicinity of Idaho City; that the advertisement, a copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper once a week for one (1) consecutive weeks in the entire and regular issue of every number of said paper during the period and time of publication and was published in the newspaper and not a supplement; that said paper has been established and regularly and continuously published for more than seventy eight weeks past previous to the first publication of this notice.

Such notice was published with the issue beginning with June 13, 2001 and ending with the issue of June 13, 2001.

Deanna Stevenson

State of Idaho)
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County of Boise)

On this 21 day of June in the year 2001, before me, a notary public, personally appeared Deanna Stevenson known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

Wami Wilson

Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at Garden Valley, Idaho
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