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Dear Idaho Water Users:

The May 25 primary election is vitally important to Idaho's water future. Voters will choose a justice for a six-year term on the Idaho Supreme Court. During that time, the court will be called upon to decide serious and complicated water issues. Court decisions will affect the future of everyone living in the Snake River Basin.

The candidate elected on May 25 must have a deep understanding of water law, must be committed to following the constitutional and statutory law on water, and must have an established track record of fairness and impartiality in water cases. That person is Roger Burdick.

Roger Burdick served for three years as presiding judge in the Snake River Basin Adjudication until he was appointed to the Idaho Supreme Court by Governor Kempthorne in 2003. Justice Burdick has the experience, knowledge, and dedication to the rule of law that are needed to fairly and impartially decide the complicated water issues that will confront the Supreme Court.

Roger's opponent, Judge John Bradbury, does not have a known track record on water issues. Based on a June 30, 1998 article in the Lewiston Tribune entitled "Valley Advised to Choose Either Drawdowns or Breaching," it appears Judge Bradbury misunderstands critical water issues. According to the Tribune article, "he said, too many people don't understand the political impetus in southern Idaho, where breaching is seen as a way to save water for agriculture." Most water users would see the issue just the reverse of what Bradbury thinks it is—most people think breaching would jeopardize water for agriculture. This misunderstanding of an elementary fact is very troubling.

We can't afford to gamble Idaho's water future. We urgently request your support for Roger Burdick, a man with a proven track record on water issues. Please tell your friends and neighbors to re-elect Roger Burdick on May 25.

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