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RE: Investigation of Water Right Claims in the Snake River Basin Adjudication

Dear Claimant:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is commencing its Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) investigation of water rights in the Blackfoot River, Willow Creek and South Fork of the Snake River Drainages. This investigation is a major effort, and IDWR has hired a contractor, Intrepid Engineering Services, to assist us with this task.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that personnel from Intrepid will make an effort to contact claimants to arrange for conducting a field investigation and obtain information about your water use. IDWR requests that you provide Intrepid with access to your water diversion system so that their personnel can conduct this field examination. Intrepid will be gathering information on the rate of flow, diversion location and place of use of your water rights. Information collected during this process will be reported to IDWR and used by a Senior Water Resource Agent to prepare a recommendation on the water right.

The process of adjudicating water rights is straightforward for most people, resulting in the issuance of decreed water rights. Experience has shown that water users who work with our agency early in the process to ensure that their recordings are correct have a better experience than those who wait until IDWR has filed its findings with the SRBA Court. Thus, we encourage you to work with our staff and with Intrepid to ensure that the results accurately reflect your water uses.

If you have sold your property, we request that you forward this letter to the purchaser. The new owner is responsible for advising IDWR of the change in ownership so future correspondence will be mailed to the correct party. If you are unable to forward this letter, please send any information regarding a new owner to our Eastern Regional Office located at 900 N Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID, 83402, Attention: Jennifer Crabtree (208) 525-7161.

Sincerely,

Ernest Carlsen

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