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April 18, 2005

Preston Dixon
PO Box 707
Challis, ID 83226

Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Subcase Nos. 73-4040, 73-11969, 73-11970

Dear Mr. Dixon:

As you know, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is currently reviewing your claims to water rights in the SRBA. The claim numbers (subcase nos.) are shown above.

These claims are based on previously unconfirmed water rights. The first step in our investigation is to establish the correct priority date for each water right. Any further investigation will proceed only after the priority dates have been established.

We have received information concerning water rights filed for Trout Creek, Spring Creek and an unnamed source. None of this information can be accepted as evidence of priority for the claims you are making to the Pahsimeroi River (73-4040 and 73-11971), or a spring (73-11969). In order to proceed, we must have information supporting your use of water from the sources claimed.

There are many ways to confirm the priority date you have claimed. Affidavits may be taken from anyone who may have personal knowledge of the development of the water right. Power records obtained from your electric service provider may establish when a pump was first used. Old photos can sometimes suffice for proving priority. If you need help with this task, please call me at (208) 287-4914.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Roxanne Brown'.

Roxanne Brown
Sr. Water Resource Agent
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

Enclosure (1)