

December 18, 1991

A35-04037

RICHARD D POLATIS
174 S 175 W
BLACKFOOT ID 83221

RE: Evidence of Priority

FINAL REQUEST

RESPONSE DEADLINE

JANUARY 20, 1992

Dear Mr. Polatis:

Our records indicate that your claim, listed above, is based upon either a "Statutory Claim" or "Beneficial Use" of the water. For water rights of this type, the claimed "Priority Date" must be substantiated with supporting evidence. We previously requested this supporting evidence be submitted by July 25, 1991, and to date we have not received the requested documentation.

Before the Department can make a recommendation to the Court to decree the claim, some evidence of the priority date must be submitted. We are enclosing a brochure outlining the types of evidence you may submit, and a printout of your claim for reference. We request that you submit your evidence of priority as soon as possible.

If we do not receive the requested documentation, the Department will recommend the claim be disallowed, due to lack of evidence supporting any priority date.

Please submit the required evidence supporting the priority date by January 20, 1992. Please reference the claim number on your correspondence. If you have questions or need other assistance, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Eric Verner
Senior Water Rights Agent

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Enclosure: Brochure/Proof Report

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June 12, 1991

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RE: **Evidence of Priority**

Dear Mr. Polatis:

The Notice of Claim identified with the number shown at the end of this letter has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). The Notice indicates the water usage is based on "Beneficial Use" or a "Statutory Claim". Water rights of this type are established by the historical use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed, at or on the place of use identified on the Notice. The date the water was first put to use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed by a License, Decree, or Permit. For this reason, proof must be provided supporting the priority date.

For your reference I have provided a printout of your Notice and the pamphlet entitled **"Evidence of Priority"**. The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. While I encourage you to read all of the pamphlet, I direct your attention to the two sections entitled **"What Kind of Evidence is Required"** and **"Some Examples of Documents Which May Be Evidence of the Priority Date"**.

It is our goal to recommend this historical water rights within the Snake River Basin as accurately as possible. Field exams to verify other items of the Notice have been or soon will be conducted by Department personnel. **But, the Department will not recommend the Notice be decreed by the court if no evidence of a priority date is submitted.**

Please submit the required evidence supporting the priority date by **July 12, 1991**, referencing all documents with the corresponding Notice number. If you have any questions not covered by this letter or the enclosed pamphlet, please contact this office.

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All Notices required to submit this evidence are currently being reviewed for recommendation to the court. Hence, the need for expediency on your part or your agency. Every effort should be made to submit this information within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Carlsen
Water Right Supervisor, Adjudication

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Enclosure: Brochure on "Evidence of Priority"
Proof Report

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