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REF: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)

SUBJECT: CRP Contract

Dear Claimant(s);

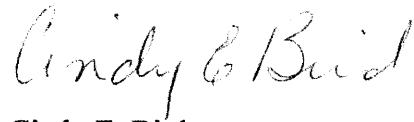
The Idaho Department of Water Resources has recently begun its water right review in Basin 29. The Notice(s) of Claim identified with the number shown above in the "address" label has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA).

It is our goal to recommend historical water rights within the Snake River Basin as accurately as possible. A field examination to verify items in the Notice will be conducted by Department personnel as soon as the weather permits. I was able to visit some of you this year before the snow arrived. While waiting for the weather to cooperate again I would like to collect some of the necessary documentation needed to recommend your claim to the SRBA court. The statute (42-104) requires the water be put to beneficial use to have a valid water right. One exception to the statute is if the land has been put into CRP. But evidence must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources to retain the water right otherwise the water right will not be recommended to the SRBA court.

If you have previously irrigated land that has been put into CRP, I would appreciate it if you could send me a copy of the contract when the land was put into CRP for my records, **by March 1, 2002. If you do not have any land in CRP please disregard this notice.** With no response from you, we will assume that you do not have any land in CRP. You may contact either the Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Soda Springs at 547-4396 for a copy of the contract.

Please feel free to contact me in Soda at (208) 547-3993 if you have any additional questions. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy E. Bird".

Cindy E. Bird
Adjudication Bureau