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March 9, 2004

Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Claim 27-11996

Subject: EVIDENCE OF PRIORITY

Response Date: April 5, 2004

Dear Claimant(s):

In March of this year we spoke in regards to needing evidence of priority on the above listed claim. Time is of the essence; I need this information by April 5, 2004 in order to make a recommendation to the court in the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

These rights have never been confirmed by a court decree or by a department investigation; we need documentation that the water uses were developed prior to March 25, 1963 (ground water source) or May 20, 1970 (surface water source).

For your reference, I have enclosed 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 the entire 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".

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 547-3993.

Respectfully;

Cindy E. Bird
Adjudication Bureau

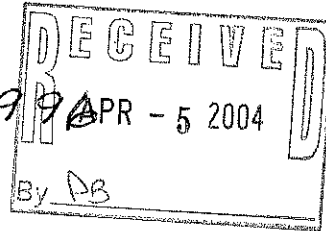
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Enclosure: evidence of priority pamphlet

Near Cindy

I hope these affidavits
will supply the information
you need to help with the
Blackfoot River water. Thanks
for your help on these water
adjudication projects.

Claim number - 27-119



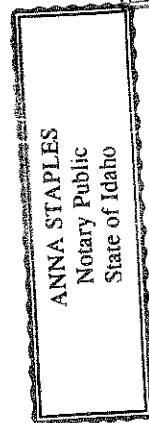
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I Brent Steffler have
witnessed livestock watering
on T 35 39 E Sec 19, SE 1/4 of
SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 additional points
T 35 R 38 E Sec 13 SE SW NE.
This was in 1964 when we
moved cattle along by this
area. The owner of the land
at this time was Ed Cox of
Shelley Idaho

Other watering areas for livestock
includes Minner Creek, Menassa
Creek, Trail Creek, & Fallings Creek.

Brent Steffler

Anna Staples
March 29, 2004



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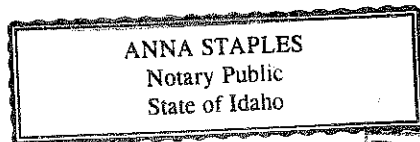
As for stock water use on the Blackfoot River. I
Lorin G. Hansen have
Witnessed cattle watering
on this portion of the Blackfoot
River prior to 1950. Leonard
Cox & his son L. L. Cox watered
livestock there as early
as 1944.

T3S 39E 19 SE 1/4 of NW also
T3S R38E Sec 13 SE SW NE
Other livestock watering areas
include Minner Creek, Menassa
Creek, Trail Creek, & Howlands Creek.

Lorin G. Hansen

March 29, 2004

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