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RESPONSE DEADLINE
MARCH 17, 2006

3-4019

Re: Evidence of Priority Date

Dear Claimant:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right (claim) identified with the number shown below your name has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). The claim indicates your water usage is based on "Beneficial Use" or a "Statutory Claim." Water rights of this type are established by the historic use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed. The date of first use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed. **Proof must be provided by the claimant supporting the priority date claimed and the historic use of the water.**

You are receiving this notice because we have no evidence supporting your priority date on file in our office. If you have previously submitted evidence of priority date, please contact our office to confirm receipt.

Enclosed you will find a computer printout of your claim and the pamphlet entitled "Evidence of Priority." The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. If you choose to submit statements from individuals as evidence, the statement should be in the form of a notarized affidavit. A form is provided for your convenience. A map of the general area stated in your claim is also enclosed. Please outline the place of use (i.e. irrigated lands) based on your claim, as well as mark the location where you divert water from the Snake River. Please submit the completed map along with your evidence of priority. This will assist me in making a more accurate recommendation of your claim(s).

PLEASE NOTE: If no evidence is submitted, IDWR will recommend the SRBA Court decree the claim be disallowed. It will be to your advantage to provide clear and convincing evidence. Because some documents commonly used for evidence of priority take some time to obtain, it is in your best interest to begin immediately collecting evidence that may be submitted to support your priority date.

Please submit the required evidence supporting the priority date and the historic use by the date shown above, referencing all documents with the corresponding claim number. Send the documents in the enclosed envelope to assure it arrives at the correct location. If you have questions not covered by this letter or the enclosed pamphlet, please contact this office. If you wish to call, our toll free number is 1-800-451-4129.

If you no longer own the property to which the claim is appurtenant, please forward this correspondence to the present owner, or return it to Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). If you have received this correspondence from the previous owner of the property, it is recommended that you file a Change of Ownership form with IDWR in order to receive future mailings and to participate in the Adjudication.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Dean
Engineer in Training
Adjudication Bureau

Enclosures