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Jim Mecham
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RE: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Claim Nos.: 37-1244, 37-4389 and 37-7861

Dear Mr. Mecham:

Your letter of March 10, 2006 to Director Dreher has been routed to me since I was the one that reviewed your SRBA Claim Nos. 37-1244 and 37-4389. I am pleased to hear that you are satisfied with the recommendations for those water rights.

Your letter also references three additional Water Right Nos., 37-7719, 37-7756 and 37-7861. If you remember our discussion from last year, the only one of these three water rights that required the filing of a claim in the SRBA was Right No. 37-7861. And, because that claim and the appropriate filing fees were received after the Basin 37 Part 1 Surface Water Director's Report had been filed with the SRBA Court, it was not reported with Claim Nos. 37-1244 and 37-4389. However, Claim No. 37-7861 will be reported in the Director's Report for Basin 37 Part 2 or Part 3 later this year. Staff at our Southern Region office in Twin Falls will review the claim and prepare the recommendation for the Director's Report.

Even though the other two water right numbers referenced in your letter do not require claims in the SRBA, you may still file claims for these water uses. However, you will need to decide if there will be any benefit to you in filing the claims and paying the claim filing fees. Permit No. 37-7719 will become a licensed water right, and Right No. 37-7756 was licensed in 1991. Filing claims for these water uses would not change any of the elements of the water rights, or make them "better" water rights.

If you have any questions regarding your SRBA claims, you may contact me by phone at (208) 287-4917 or by email at carter.fritschle@idwr.idaho.gov.

Carter Fritschle

A handwritten signature of Carter Fritschle in dark ink, written in a cursive style.

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