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Vergel and Laveta Willyerd
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REF: Snake River Basin Adjudication Claim
A27-10757

Subject: Irrigation well added to the system.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Willyerd;

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has begun its water right review in Basin 27. The Notice of Claim number identified above claimed a June 1, 1946 priority date for the domestic and irrigation system. A domestic well allows for the irrigation of up to one-half acre, stock and in home use. The evidence submitted to the Department for the irrigation well states that it was drilled in 1983. As of March 25, 1963 a right to ground water can be obtained on by compliance with the application, permit and licensing procedure established by statute, Idaho Code 42-229. The one exception to this rule is the water rights for domestic purpose can still be established by beneficial use, Idaho Code 42-227.

Per our conversation today, you stated that your home was built in April of 1977. As I stated on the phone the domestic priority date will be April 1, 1977. If you want to claim the original date for the home you will need to file evidence of priority.

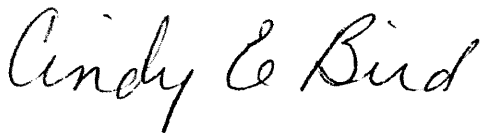
For your reference, I have enclosed the pamphlet entitled "Evidence of Priority". The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required as suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. While I encourage you to read the entire pamphlet, I direct your attention to the two sections entitled "What kind of Evidence is required" and "Some examples of Documents Which May Be Evidence of the Priority".

I have also enclosed an application for permit for the irrigation well you drilled in 1983. To process the application for permit you will need to establish the priority date prior to 1987. I've also enclosed a copy of the evidence that was submitted the Adjudication Bureau for your use. The filing fee and the Eastern Idaho Regional Office's address are

listed on the back page of the Instruction sheet. The Application for Permit if processed will have a 2003 priority date. As I explained this will have to be advertised in the local newspaper for 2 weeks. This process allows public notification of the irrigation well and is open for public comment during that time.

If you have any further questions on the Application for Permit, please call the Eastern Regional Office at 525-7161. Any questions that you have on your domestic claim in the Adjudication please feel free to contact me at 547-3993.

Sincerely;

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

Cindy E. Bird
Adjudication Bureau

Enclosed: Evidence of Priority Brochure
Notice of Claim proof report.
Application for Permit, form 202
Instruction for Application for Permit, form 1-202 July 2000
Copy of Evidence for the irrigation well.