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Eastern Region

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To those concerned;

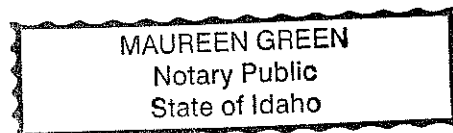
Please review this letter to set evidence of priority of beneficial use of water right claim no. 22-12081. After trying to gain history of my property by talking to family members of the previous owners / renters. The best source I have is Leslie Henrie. He is since deceased but his son Gary Henrie states that he and his family moved to town (Driggs) in 1948. His dad purchased the property next to mine, which then belonged to Edgar Cordon whose estate I bought it from. They milked a few head of cows and had some pasture on their place. They were able to run them at times on the Cordon property. The ditches were already established and the property was irrigated from this water source at that time, just as it is to this day. I'm not at all sure much longer it was before 1948.

The map I made and sent with the General Adjudication claim on my property filed in 09/1988 case # 39576 should show the areas on my place that I am able to irrigate with this water source. I owned this property since 1984. I hope this will provide the proof needed to set the priority date.

Thanks



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Driggs, Idaho 83422



MAUREEN GREEN
NOTARY PUBLIC
RESIDING AT: Teton Co
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 08/05/08

claim 22-12018

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February 10, 2006

**DAVID OR JAMES MCWETHY
107 SHADOW END
VICTOR ID 83455**

**IMPORTANT
FINAL NOTICE
PLEASE READ**

RE: EVIDENCE OF PRIORITY FOR SRBA WATER RIGHT CLAIM 22-13245

Dear Claimant (s):

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June 2, 2004

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It is our goal to recommend historical water rights within the Snake River Basin as accurately as possible. Field exams to verify other elements of the Notice of Claim have been or soon will be conducted by Department personnel.

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**The Department will not recommend the Notice of Claim be decreed by the court if
evidence of a priority date is not submitted. The Notice of Claim will be disallowed.**
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Please submit documentation supporting the priority date within 30 days of the date of
this letter, referencing all documents with the corresponding claim number. If you
have any questions not covered by this letter or the enclosed pamphlet, please feel free to
contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,



Allen B. Ruberry
Sr. Water Resource Agent
Adjudication Bureau

cc: File

Enclosure: Brochure on "Evidence of Priority"