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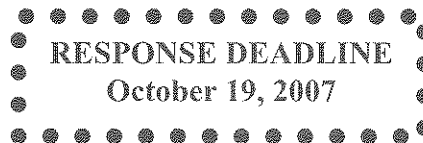
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September 28, 2007

FRANKLIN MATHER
5429 HWY 95
NEW MEADOWS ID 83654



78-12314

Re: Evidence of Priority Date

Dear Mr. Mather:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right (claim) identified with the number shown above has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). The claim indicates your water usage is based on "Beneficial Use." 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.**

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. A map of the general area stated in your claim is also enclosed. Please outline the location of lands irrigated based on your claim, as well as the location of your point of diversion, if possible. 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. If you choose to submit statements from individuals as evidence, the statement should be in the form of a notarized affidavit.

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. If you have questions not covered by this letter or the enclosed pamphlet, please contact me at (208) 287-4907.

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,

Monica P. Van Bussum
Sr. Water Resource Agent
Adjudication Bureau

Enclosures