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C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.
Director

RE: Water Right License 96-8719

Dear Mr. Reiner:

Thank you for your recent letter. One of the most common rumors about adjudicating water rights in Idaho is someone loses their licensed water right they continue to use. All water rights in the state of Idaho are not automatically made invalid when an adjudication is commenced. To the contrary, your license issued in 2000 is the only evidence IDWR will need for a claim filed in an adjudication.

Your water right is in the small minority that are backed by a license. Thousands of others filing as yet unrecorded unclaimed water rights will have to document or prove their water rights as claimed in the adjudication. Filing a claim in the adjudication allows you to review the claims and documents all the other claimants submit, to receive notice when action is taken on your and others water right claims, and have everyone else in the adjudication bound (or can never again attack) the water right that is elevated to it's highest legal level as a decree from the court.

One of the benefits of an adjudication is the discovery by dozens of property owners who diverted and used water after 1971, but unlike yourself did not file for a permit and get a license. Those unknowing property owners will have a priority date when they finally file for a permit. I commend you for taking care of business.

IDWR has proposed to the Idaho Legislature, the North Idaho Adjudication will proceed in three phases. IDWR has been authorized to move forward in Phase 1 only, that is the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane river drainages south of you no closer than the very south part of Bonner County. If the Legislature instructs IDWR to adjudicate water rights in your basin (Basin 96), each resident will be notified by mail. At that time, you would be required to file an adjudication claim on your license, as the law exists now. Until then, there is nothing for you to do other than let us know by mail if your address changes or you sell the property

Please contact me at 208-287-4921, if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Donald V. Shaff, MPA
Adjudication Bureau Chief

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Dear People:

We have a water right license No. 96-08719. Recently we have read that all water rights in the state of Idaho are being automatically made invalid and open for *mandatory* renewal. Hence, I want to do so, and have a written definitive statement from your office as to why this is necessary with our license.

Please send any and all necessary paperwork to:

Mark and Caren Reiner
3887 Grouse Creek Road
Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

Thank You,



Mark Reiner

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