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RE: Preliminary Recommendation for Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Claim 81-2006

Dear Becky,

I have prepared a preliminary recommendation for claim 81-2006, based on the information available to me at this time. I wanted to give you a chance to look it over before it is sent to the SRBA court in late November.

I have included a review memo that explains why I have made the recommendation as I did. But to summarize, I feel I can support 20.6 acre-feet of consumptive use is available under your original right. The majority of the 20.6 acre-feet comes from changing the irrigation purpose of use originally licensed over to the recreation storage purpose of use. I want to confirm that you do not irrigate from the ponds or use Little Smith Creek Water for irrigation purposes.

I understand that the recommended volume is well under what you need for your current water use. I did support that two ponds were in place as of November 19, 1987, and I did recommend the original diversion rate of 1.0 cfs based on your statement that you use a 6 inch pipe to divert water. You will still need a new application for permit for your other ponds and water use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. If the recommendation seems satisfactory to you, no additional action needs to be taken. You will be notified when the recommendation is submitted to the SRBA court. At that time, you will receive documentation that will explain timelines and how to file an objection to your recommendation if you wish to do so.

Thank you,

Craig L. Saxton
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure(s)