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October 6, 2011

Ernest Wilson
6038 Lapwai Rd
Lewiston, ID 83501

Re: Water Right License 85-7086

Dear Mr. Wilson:

It has come to the Idaho Department of Water Resources "IDWR" attention that no one has filed a claim in the Snake River Basin Adjudication "SRBA" on the above mentioned water right that appears to be now in your ownership.

The SRBA started in 1987 and its purpose is to make a complete and accurate record of all existing water rights. The term "adjudication" means to settle judicially. A water right adjudication can be described as a "fair, comprehensive, technically correct and legally sufficient determination of existing water rights".

The IDWR is acting as an independent expert and technical assistant in the adjudication under state law. IDWR must have a complete and accurate list of all water rights to deliver water to those who are entitled, when disputes on use or delivery arise. Also, the list is needed in order to estimate how much water is available for future development of the water source.

The District Court presiding over the SRBA issued an order on September 23, 2011 closing the opportunity to file late claims, in your Basin 85, as of November 30, 2011. Water rights that are not claimed after the close of the adjudication, even those that were previously licensed by the State of Idaho, will no longer be valid.

To find out more information on how you can file a late claim, before the deadline, please contact Carter Fritschle at 208-287-4917.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Keith E Franklin
Interim Program Manager

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