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RE: Evidence of Priority Date, Claim No(s): 92-10876, 92-10877, 92-10878, 92-10879, 92-10880, 92-10881, 92-10882, 92-10883, 92-10884, 92-10885, 92-10886, 91-7724, 91-7725 & 91-7726

RESPONSE DEADLINE
DATE: APRIL 25, 2014

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

The Notices of Claim to a Water Right identified with the numbers shown above have been filed in the Coeur D'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication, also known as Phase 1 of the Northern Idaho Adjudication (NIA). The claims indicate 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, and are termed beneficial use rights. The date of first use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed by a License, Decree or Permit. Since the priority date and historic use of a beneficial use right cannot be confirmed by field examination, proof must be provided by the claimant supporting the priority date claimed and the historic use of the water.

Enclosed you will find the pamphlet entitled "Evidence of Priority". The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement.

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. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at (208) 762-2800 or by email at linda.werner@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Werner
Water Resource Agent

Enclosure: Evidence of Priority Pamphlet

cc: William R. DeReu, Vice President
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