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January 8, 2016

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RE: Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA) Claim No. 95-16503

Dear Claimant,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has received your Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA) Claim. We are unable to process and recommend your adjudication claim for the following reason.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right for claim number 95-16503 was filed for the domestic use of water from an unnamed stream based on a previously decreed water right, 95-4257, which has a priority date of June 1, 1950. As your claimed properties fall within the original place of use boundaries of the decreed water right, you do have a valid claim to a portion of that right, but the priority date claimed must also match that of the original water right. The priority date you listed on your claim form was May 15, 2012. This priority date is in violation of the Mandatory Permit Statute for the water source and purpose of use claimed. The permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from surface water after May 20, 1971 (except for watering stock directly from streams). While it is likely that this priority date was listed in error, as it matches the date the claim form was signed, an amended claim form with the correct priority date must be submitted before the water right claim can be allowed. As this claim only represents a portion of the originally decreed water right, a \$25.00 filing fee is also required.

For your convenience, I am sending you an Amended CSRBA Notice of Claim to a Water Right for Claim No. 95-16503 with the appropriate portions filled in utilizing the information from your previously submitted claim form. Please review the amended claim form, and if you wish to make any further changes, initial those changes before signing the claim. I have also enclosed a parcel location map. Please mark the map with the location of your diversion point from the unnamed stream. After your review, return the signed claim form along with the marked map and required \$25.00 filing fee to our office at the address listed above. **If the amended claim form and filing fee are not submitted, this claim will be deemed invalid and recommended as disallowed to the Court.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office and we will be happy to help. I can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800 or by email at evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evan W. Roda'.

Evan W. Roda
Senior Water Resource Agent
Northern Region

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Enclosure(s): Amended Notice of Claim to a Water Right (Claim No. 95-16503), parcel location map