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SUBJECT: Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA) Claim Number 94-9390 & 94-9454,
Source and Tributary

Dear Mr. Nolan:

I'm writing in regard to your letter dated January 13, 2016, in which you expressed concerns relating to the water source on the above claims listed as tributary to Black Lake rather than "sinks" and how this may affect water supplies in the future.

The topography maps used by the Department to determine source and tributary are mapped and edited by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and comply with the national map accuracy standards. Water sources and tributaries are often named by private entities and consequently, a standard must be applied when determining source and tributary. These maps are verified by aerial photos, field checked and edited where necessary. That being said, based on a review of the map and corresponding 2013 aerial photo, we are unable to change the tributary from Black Lake to "sinks".

In regard to future water uses and how they may affect your water rights; I have enclosed a brochure which explains the water appropriation process, a water right application information sheet and a brochure explaining the importance of the priority date. The priority date is the basis upon which water is distributed in times of shortage. When there isn't enough water to satisfy all existing water rights, then water is distributed first to those with the oldest priority date.

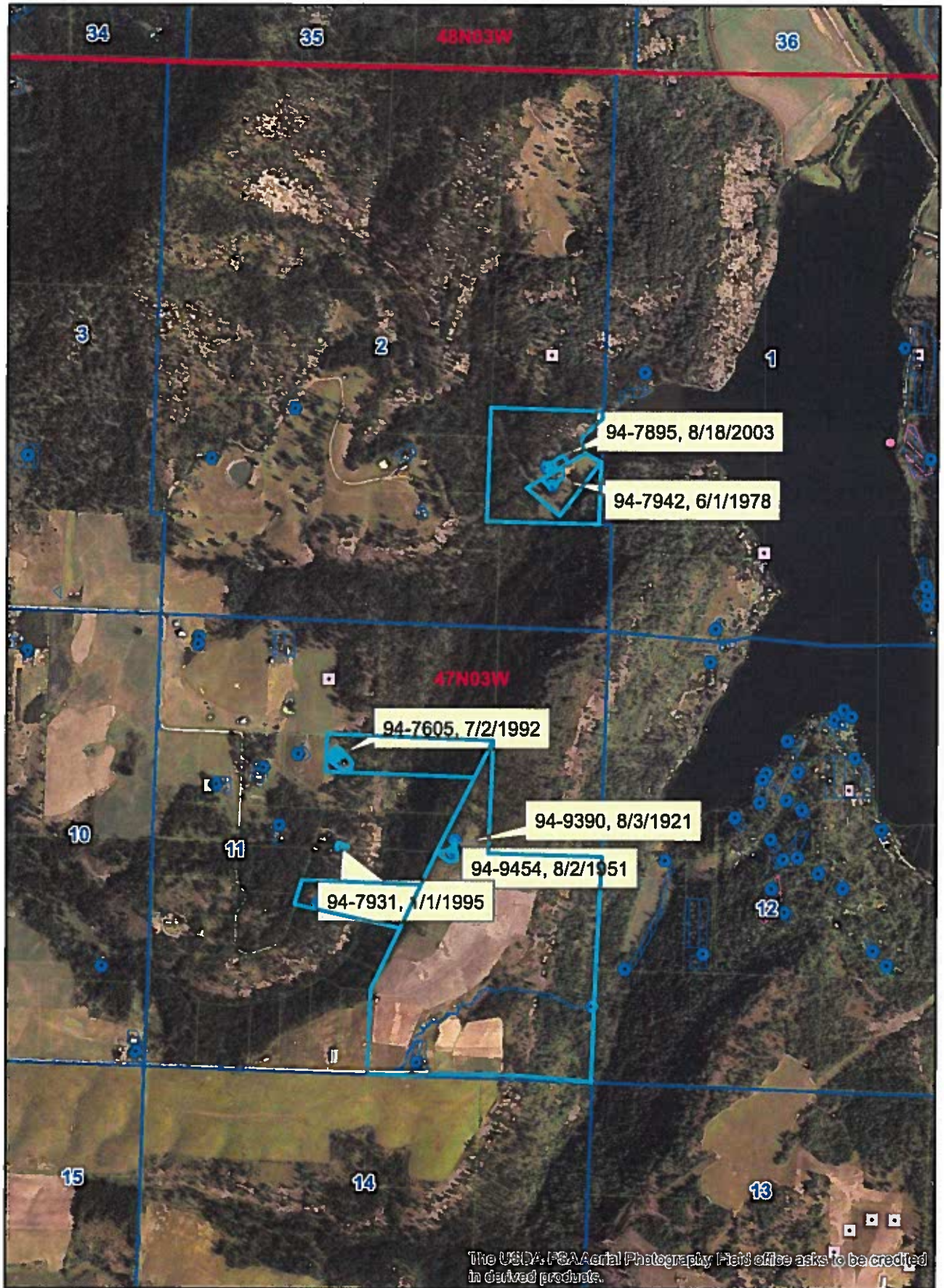
Also enclosed is a map which shows the recommended water rights in your area. You'll see the water right identification number, its priority date and where the usage is occurring. Please note that all the priority dates listed are newer than yours. Any new water appropriations would also contain a priority date newer than yours, i.e. a water right application submitted today would have the priority date of January 29, 2016.

If you would like to access information on any of these water rights, it can be found on our web site at www.idwr.idaho.gov. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (208) 762-2802 or by email at linda.werner@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Werner
Water Resource Agent, Sr.

Enclosure(s): Water Users Information Guide
Evidence of Priority Brochure
Water Right Application Information Sheet
Map



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