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ARLO AND MICHELLE SLACK
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RE: Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA) Notice of Claim Number 95-15440

RESPONSE DEADLINE
DATE: APRIL 15, 2016

Dear Mr. or Ms. Slack:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right (claim) identified with the number shown above has been filed in the Coeur D'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication. The claim indicates 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 note:** The affidavit you submitted on October 25, 2012, is ambiguous regarding the first usage date of May 1, 1969. Idaho Department of Water Resources will not be able to recommend that the CSRBA Court issue a decreed water right for your water use in the claim's current form.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (208) 762-2800 or by email at linda.werner@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Werner
Water Resource Agent, Sr.

Enclosure: Evidence of Priority Pamphlet
Copy of Notice of Claim to a Water Right Number 95-15440