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April 6, 2016

RICHARD WIGGINS
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COEUR D ALENE ID 83814

RE: Evidence of Priority Date for Notice of Claim to a Water Right Number 95-12084

RESPONSE DEADLINE
DATE: MAY 9, 2016

Dear Mr. Wiggins:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above has been filed in the Coeur D'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication, also known as Phase 1 of the Northern Idaho Adjudication (NIA). The claim indicates your water usage is based on "Beneficial Use" or "Statutory Claim". 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. If the evidence found shows an earlier priority date, you may wish to amend your claim to the earlier date. To do so, simply cross out the date under item two on the enclosed claim form and fill in the new one. Be sure to initial and date any changes that you make.

PLEASE NOTE: IDWR will recommend the NIA Court decree the claim disallowed if no evidence of the priority date and of the historic use is submitted.

Also, I've enclosed a map of your property. Please verify on this map where the diversion is located and where the water usage is occurring.

Please submit the required evidence supporting the priority date and the historic use by the date shown above, along with the map, to my attention. 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.

Enclosures: Evidence of Priority Pamphlet
Copy of Notice of Claim Number 95-12084
Map

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