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December 15, 2010

Michael Newell
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RE: 95-13874

Dear Mr. Newell:

We would like to discuss the process to develop a water right in the State of Idaho. Originally to develop a water right an individual diverted surface water and placed it to a beneficial use for a specific use. This is referred to as a "beneficial right". In the early 1900's the process to acquire a water right by obtaining a permit which lead to a water right license was started. An individual could still develop a "beneficial right". On May 20, 1971, the only way to develop a surface water right was to file and obtain a permit.

Evidence indicates that you or the former owner diverted and used the water in 1952. This is based on Kootenai County estimate of the construction of the home. There was no requirement to obtain a permit for you to develop the "beneficial right." An initial review of your water right (identification number 95-13874) by our department indicates that this is a valid water right and will be confirmed by adjudication court.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Knoblock', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Kenneth Knoblock
Water Resources Supervisor



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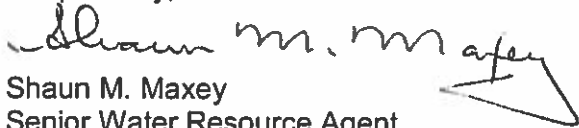
Dear Mr. Newell:

Thanks for your inquiry concerning lost correspondence that you received from the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). I have coordinated with our State Office in Boise and reviewed IDWR Northern Region adjudication records to verify that your address is on the list for mailing Commencement Notices for the Northern Idaho Adjudication.

The attached Service List has your address. This indicates that you should have already received a Commencement Notice for each of your Kootenai County properties. The most recent notices were mailed for properties in the Harrison, Spirit Lake, and Cataldo areas. I did a name search on receipts for the Adjudication and found that you filed two claims on June 3, 2010.

I can be contacted at the address shown above or at (208) 762.2800 if you have any questions. Please note that our office in Coeur d'Alene has moved from our former location on Northwest Avenue to the address shown above.

Respectfully,



Shaun M. Maxey
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