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RE: Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA)
Evidence of Priority for Notice of Claim 95-15316

Dear Claimant(s):

As you may be aware, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is currently in the process of reviewing Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA) claims in your area (Basin 95). My initial investigation uncovered a couple of issues regarding claim 95-15316 that need addressed.

- 1) Our initial investigation indicates that you may now be the owner of the property that this claim is applicable to. According to our records, the property to which I am referring to was most recently owned by the MAXINE & EDWARD FECKO. The legal description is as follows:

T46N R03W S14 NE¼ NW¼
NW¼ NW ¼

Parcel #: RP46N03W143050A

We recommend that if, in fact, you now own the property in question, and do use the water for the purposes claimed, you file a "Change in Ownership" (enclosed) with IDWR in order that we may send all further correspondence to the appropriate owner(s).

In fact, there appear to be two claims applicable to the above described property that you will want to update the ownership on if you are the new owner of the property: 95-15313 and 95-15316

If you do not own the property applicable to this water right claim, you may disregard the remainder of this letter.

- 2) If claim 95-15316 is applicable to your property, then you will need to submit evidence of priority. The claim indicates water usage is based on "Beneficial Use". Water rights of this type are established by the historical use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed, at or on the place of use identified on the claim. The date the water was first put to use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed by a license, Decree, or Permit. For this reason, proof must be provided supporting the priority date. **As the claimant, you are responsible for submitting the necessary proof to support the priority date.**

For your reference, I have provided a printout of claim 95-15316 and the pamphlet entitled "Evidence of Priority". The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. While I encourage you to read the entire pamphlet, I direct your attention to the two sections entitled "What Kind of Evidence is Required" and "Some examples of Documents Which May Be Evidence of the Priority Date".

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The Department can not recommend the Notice of Claim be decreed by the court if no evidence of a priority date is submitted.
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Please submit the documentation supporting the priority date by October 15, 2016 referencing all documents with the corresponding Notice of Claim number. If you have any questions not covered by this letter or the enclosed pamphlet, please feel free to contact me at (208) 287-4916.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure(s); Evidence of Priority Pamphlet
Printout: Notice of Claim 95-15316
Printout: Notice of Claim 95-15315
Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership form