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Subject: City of Post Falls water right claims 95-4457, 95-4458, and 95-4460

John,

I have reviewed all of the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA) water right claims for the City of Post Falls. In addition to the two claims that I had written to you previously about (95-4187 & 95-4199), there are three more claims that will require further evidence to support their priority date. Claim Nos. 95-4457, 95-4458, and 95-4460 were also based on previously filed statutory claims to water rights.

The Notices of Claim to Water Rights identified with the numbers shown above were submitted for the municipal use of groundwater with claimed priority dates of August 16, 1961 (2) and December 31, 1946. There was no evidence provided to support these priority dates and prove the beneficial use of that water for municipal purposes within the claimed places of use. The statutory water right claims that your current claims were based upon are insufficient to serve as evidence of beneficial use as they were never proved up on, nor was a field examination ever performed on the properties. I will move forward with the recommendation of these CSRBA Water Right claims once provided sufficient evidence to verify the beneficial use of the water source for municipal purposes within the claimed places of use beginning on or before the priority dates claimed.

I would like to schedule a time for you to come meet in our office with myself and Chad Goodwin, Water Rights Supervisor, to discuss all the water right claims for the city. I need to know the drill dates for some of the city's wells, and several claims should be Amended to more accurately reflect their water usage and also to include remaining unclaimed portions of water from their original water right licenses. There also appears to be an additional unclaimed water right for groundwater with a 1908 priority date that the city can file a new claim on. One sit down visit to iron out all the details will be a great help and also save us both some correspondence time. Let me know what dates and times work best for you and we will plan from there. Thank you for all your help on this.

Best Regards,

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