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RE: Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Notice of Claim to a Water Right No. 87-10139

Dear Claimant:

Thank you for using the online claim filing process for submitting claim no. 87-10139 in the PRBA. An initial review of your claim indicates the priority date claimed is in violation of the Mandatory Permit Statue for the claimed water source for one of the two water uses claimed.

The permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from ground water after March 25, 1963 (except for single family domestic and/or stockwater uses that do not exceed 13,000 gallons per day). Your claim as filed states you are diverting water from Ground Water for Domestic and Irrigation purposes with a priority date of June 1, 2012. You may wish to research the historical water usage on your property to see if it can be determined when a previous owner first established the well, and used ground water to irrigate the four acres.

If you find the claimed priority date represents the actual date ground water was first used for domestic and irrigation purposes on your property, and if the water right was not previously established under the permit system, you may wish to file an "Application for Permit" form for the irrigation of the four acres claimed. And, if you would like to amend your claim to describe only the domestic use, \$29.00 of the \$54.00 claim fee you paid can be applied to the filing fee for an application for permit.

However, if you can determine that an earlier priority date (before March 25, 1963) is appropriate for the water use on your property, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) can assist you in preparing an amended claim. You may also choose to pursue your claim as filed with the claimed June 1, 2012 priority date. If you do choose to pursue your claim as filed, IDWR will recommend the PRBA Court decree only the domestic water use for one home and guest house with the priority date you claimed.

If you would like assistance with amending your claim, or if have any questions that need further clarification, please contact me by phone or by email. The direct line to my desk is (208) 287-4917 and my email address is Carter.Fritschle@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Carter Fritschle
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