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DINA OR JESSE ESPY
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RE: Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Notice of Claim to a Water Right Number 87-11038

RESPONSE DEADLINE
DATE: December 20, 2019

Dear Mr. or Ms. Espy:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above has been filed in the Palouse River Basin Adjudication. 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.

A copy of the well driller's report will suffice for this purpose.

Also, in regard to the priority date, please note – the permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from ground water after March 25, 1963, (except for domestic purposes as defined by Idaho Code) for example – domestic use for in-home and ½ acre or less of lawn irrigation. Consequently, if your irrigation usage began in June, 2014, you will need to appropriate a new water right for the irrigation usage but you could still claim the domestic and stockwater usage under claim 87-11038.

If your priority date for the domestic usage is earlier, please amend that date under item two on the enclosed claim. To do so, simply cross out the old date and write in the new. Please initial and date any changes that you make and sign the back of the claim under item 15.

Plus, I have enclosed a map and ask that you show on the map where the well is located and where the domestic and stockwater usage is occurring.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (208) 762-2800 or by email at linda.werner@idwr.idaho.gov. Please return this information by postal service as we will need original copies of the amended claim.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Werner
Water Resource Agent, Sr.

Enclosures: Evidence of Priority Pamphlet, Copy of Claim Number 87-11038, Idaho Water Users Information Guide and Application for Permit/with Instructions, Map

