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LEE AND LAYNA FRANKLIN
1290 GOLD HILL RD
PRINCETON ID 83857

SUBJECT: Palouse River Basin Adjudication Claim (PRBA) No. 87-10366

Dear Lee and Layna Franklin:

I am writing in regards to the phone conversation I had with Michael Franklin on 1/06/2020. My conversation with him was about his Notice of Claim to a Water Right, and at the end he mentioned that it might be hard to reach you if I had any questions in regards to your Notice of Claim to a Water Right. Because of this, he offered to help if I had any questions. I had two questions: approximate location of the spring and the date of priority. He said that the spring is located a little north and across the county road from your home. Also, he said that the spring was originally brick lined and used in the 1930's, with his best guess being around 1933. The home it was piped to was not used for a while, and then the spring was improved and piped to your house. Because the spring's first domestic use occurred in the 1930's, it is now piped and used at your home and no longer used for the old 1930's home, you could amend your claim for a 1933 priority date.

Enclosed is your Notice of Claim to a Water Right. Below are the instructions if you want to amend your claim for a 1933 priority date.

- Red Arrow, number 2: In pen, please cross out "4/1/1969" and the explanation. In an adjacent space write "1933" and a short statement that says something along the lines of this is when the spring was first used. Then, initial next to the new date/explanation.

After you have completed the document, please mail it back, to my attention, at 7600 N. Mineral Drive Suite 100, Coeur d'Alene ID 83815.

By amending your claim, you are more accurately reflecting when domestic use for a home has been occurring from the spring. Michael Franklin, being in direct knowledge of the spring's use, said he would write a short statement summarizing the history of the spring. If you do not want his statement used as evidence in your Notice of Claim, or the information is inaccurate/incomplete, or if you have any questions and comments, please contact me. My telephone number is (208) 762-2810 and my email is christopher.holmes@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher Holmes
Water Resource Agent