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TORREY OR SARA LAWRENCE
1210 SADDLE RIDGE RD
VIOLA ID 83872

RE: Evidence of Priority Date for Notice of Claim to a Water Right Numbers 87-10348, 87-10350 & 87-10351

Dear Mr. or Ms. Lawrence:

The Water Right claims identified with the numbers shown above have been filed in the Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA). The claims indicate your water usage is based on "Beneficial Use". 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.

Some examples of documents which may be used for evidence of the priority date include:

1. A statement from someone with personal knowledge of when beneficial use was first made. Personal knowledge means someone who observed the use, and should include the specifics of the water usage including month and year the water was first used, water source, the location of the source and place of use and what the water usage is for, including total number of acres irrigated.
2. Sales receipts for equipment or materials used in the water system or records of the person or business who sold, installed or constructed the diversion works i.e. a well driller's report.
3. Property records showing historical data of the property including a year built date. These may be obtained at the assessor's office.
4. Dated aerial photos showing the water usage.

Also, since your claim includes the storage of water, please include approximate measurements of the pond or reservoir at the time of its construction, such as diameter and maximum depth. Claims including irrigation should include evidence describing the location of diversion works and total acres irrigated, as well as a description of any changes made since first use. I've enclosed a map. Please show where the water usage and points of diversion are located, including outlining the irrigation usage.

Please return this information to the address listed above by **August 21, 2020**. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (208) 762-2802 or by email at linda.werner@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Werner For Linda Werner

Linda A. Werner
Water Resource Agent, Sr.

Enclosures: Copy of Claim Numbers 87-10348, 87-10350, 87-10351 and Map