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RE: Additional evidence needed for Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Claim 87-10330

Dear Claimant,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is currently in the process of reviewing adjudication claims in your area. Your adjudication claim will only be partially recommended to the Court for the following reason.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was submitted for the use of groundwater for domestic, stockwater, and irrigation purposes with a claimed priority date of December 31, 1917. The evidence submitted in support of your claim provides sufficient proof of beneficial use for domestic and stockwater uses, but not for the irrigation use claimed (3.5 acres). Initial review of your claim indicates that the irrigation use on site may have begun after the Mandatory Permit Statute for groundwater. The permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from groundwater after March 25, 1963 (except for domestic and stockwater purposes as defined by Sections 42-111, Idaho Code). Before the irrigation portion of your water right claim can be recommended, evidence must be submitted to prove the use of groundwater for the irrigation of 3.5 acres began prior to that statute being implemented. If your stated irrigation use began after such time, then an Application for Permit should be submitted. For your convenience, I have enclosed an Application for Permit form with instructions.

PLEASE NOTE: If no further evidence is received, IDWR will recommend the Court decree this claim only for domestic and stockwater purposes. If you wish to have the additional irrigation use included with this water right, it will be to your advantage to provide clear and convincing evidence.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office and we will be happy to help. I can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800 or by email at [evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov).

Best Regards,

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Enclosure(s): Application for Permit, Instructions