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RE: Partial recommendation of Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Claim 87-10336

Dear Claimants,

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 several different surface water sources for domestic, stockwater, storage, fish habitat, and irrigation purposes with a claimed priority date of July 1, 2011, based upon beneficial use. The permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from surface water after May 20, 1971 (except for watering stock directly from streams). The water storage claimed involves the impoundment of water from an unnamed stream, and historical aerial photos indicate that this pond was constructed after 1981. Because a water right was not previously established under the permit system for this use, an "Application for Permit" form should be filed. For your convenience, I have enclosed an Application for Permit form with instructions.

The use of groundwater (well) for domestic purposes should be claimed separately in an additional Notice of Claim to a Water Right as this represents the use of a different water system from of the surface water uses. The priority date claimed should reflect when the water use from that source first began. Latah County tax records for the claimed parcel (RP41N05W085448) reflect a year built of 1897. If this is also when stock first starting drinking from the unnamed stream on the property, claim no. 87-10336 can also be amended to include the earlier priority date.

PLEASE NOTE: IDWR will recommend the Court decree this claim only for in-stream stockwater purposes from the unnamed stream. If you wish to have the additional domestic or stockwater uses of groundwater recorded and decreed by the Court at this time, an additional water right claim should be submitted.

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.

Best Regards,

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Enclosure(s): Application for Permit, Instructions