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**RESPONSE DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

SUBJECT: Palouse River Basin Adjudication Claim (PRBA) Nos. 87-11768, 11770 and 11771

Dear Mr. Reese,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is reviewing water right claims filed in the Palouse River Basin Adjudication. During my review of your claims, I have a few questions and information regarding the two ponds and groundwater source used for stockwater. I tried multiple failed attempts at reaching you by phone, so I am sending this letter.

I attached copies of your claims. For claim 87-11768, my question is if the source is a spring or from a well. For claim 87-11770, my research shows that the larger pond was completed sometime between 1992-2004. Because the pond was completed after the mandatory permitting statute for surface water, this pond must be permitted. For claim 87-11771, I need more priority date evidence for the smaller pond. Through my research I cannot find evidence of when the smaller pond was completed. As with the larger pond, if it was completed after 5/19/1971 this pond must be permitted.

If I do not hear from you by the response deadline, I will recommend claim 87-11768 as stockwater use from a well. For claim 87-11770, I will disallow this claim. For claim 87-11771, I will disallow this claim. If you concur with my recommendations, no further action is required.

If you have any questions, or if you do not concur with my recommendation, please contact me. My telephone number is (208) 762-2810 and my email is christopher.holmes@idwr.idaho.gov. For filing the permit(s) for the ponds, you can contact my coworker Luke Bates. His phone number is (208) 762-2817 and his email is luke.bates@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher Holmes
Water Resource Agent

Enclosure: Copy of Claims 87-11768, 11770 and 11771