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RE: Evidence of Priority Date
Notice of Claim No. 87-11753

Dear Claimants:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is in the process of reviewing claims filed in the Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA). The notice of claim referenced above is based on "Beneficial Use". Water rights of this type are established by the historical use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed, at or on the place of use identified on the Notice. The date the water was first put to use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed by a license, Decree, or Permit. Furthermore, during its review, IDWR was not able to verify the claimed priority date. For this reason, **proof must be provided supporting the claimed priority date 1/1/1958.**

Please submit the documentation supporting the claimed priority date within 4 weeks, by **February 26, 2021. Please also reference all documents with the corresponding claim number 87-11753.**

For your reference, I have included a printout of your claim and a pamphlet entitled Evidence of Priority. The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. While I encourage you to read the entire pamphlet, I direct your attention to the two sections entitled **"What Kind of Evidence is Required"** and **"Some Examples of Documents Which May Be Evidence of the Priority Date"**.

It is our goal to recommend historical water rights within the PRBA as accurately as possible. IDWR cannot recommend the Notice be decreed by the court if no evidence of priority date is submitted. If you have any questions not covered by this letter or the enclosed pamphlet, please feel free to contact me at (208) 287-4913.

Sincerely,

Alex Dagleish
Sr. Water Resource Agent

Enclosure: Brochure on "Evidence of Priority"
Notice of Claim 87-11753