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PALOUSE CLEARWATER ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE  
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RE: Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Claim No. 87-11129

Dear Claimant:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has received the Notice of Claim to a Water Right form you submitted for Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Claim No. 87-11129. We are unable to recommend the full extent of this claim to the Court for the following reason.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was filed for the domestic and irrigation use of both groundwater (wells) and surface water (ponds and surface runoff) at your facility with a claimed priority date of January 1, 1919. Our initial investigation of the claimed parcel indicates that the primary use of the property is for a nature center and greenhouse facility. Records and aerial photos indicate that this water use was developed after 1986. The permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from groundwater after March 25, 1963 (except for domestic purposes as defined by Section 42-111, Idaho Code). 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 nature of your water use on the claimed property does not qualify as an exempt domestic use. The water use for such a facility constitutes a commercial use and can only be recommended to the Court under § 42-111(1)(b), Idaho Code, which allows for a maximum diversion volume of 2,500 gallons per day (GPD). Claim No. 87-11129 will be recommended only for the domestic use of groundwater (3 wells) with a maximum diversion limit of 2,500 GPD, and a priority date of January 1, 1919. If additional water is needed to fulfill the requirements of the site beyond the quantity recommended for your claim, an Application for Permit should be filed. For your convenience, I have enclosed that form along with filing instructions.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. 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 with Instructions