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RE: Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Claim No. 87-11493

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. 87-11493. 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 multiple uses of both groundwater (wells) and surface water (pond) at your property (Latah County Parcel No. RP39N05W112411) with a claimed priority date of January 1, 1915. Records and aerial photos indicate that the claimed pond was constructed after 1992, and insufficient evidence was provided to support the use of groundwater for irrigation purposes prior to the mandatory permit statute. 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). Additionally, our records indicate that the 2nd well claimed for use was drilled in September of 2007. As this well was drilled after January 1, 2006, a transfer must be filed to add this additional point of diversion to the water right.

The extent of your water use on the claimed property does not all qualify as an exempt domestic or stockwater use and must be permitted. Claim No. 87-11493 will be recommended only for the domestic and stockwater use of groundwater (1 well) with a maximum diversion rate of 0.06 CFS, and a priority date of January 1, 1915. Domestic use includes the irrigation of up to ½ acre around the home. 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. As your pond was constructed after the mandatory permit statutes, this may be considered an unlawful storage of water and must also be permitted. For your convenience, I have enclosed an Application for Permit 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.

Best Regards,

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Enclosure(s): Application for Permit with Instructions