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Attachments: Water Rights in Palisades Canal.pdf

Dear Parties:

During our pre-hearing conference, I agreed to compile some information about how often water right 23-11425 (priority date = 5/20/1889) might be curtailed. Historical information about priority dates delivered on the Snake River is available on the Department's [website](#). Select the Upper Snake River system and Site ID No. 13037500 (Snake River near Heise). Select the years of interest and click the button to submit your request. At the top of the page, click on the "Accounting" button, rather than the "History" button. This will display the priority date being delivered in the Heise reach on any given day. I reviewed all of the records for 2011-2020. It appears that water right 23-11425 may be curtailed from mid-August through early September in dry years, and even into July in extreme drought years. Water right 23-11425 was curtailed as follows:

2011: not curtailed
2012: 2 days
2013: 29 days
2014: not curtailed
2015: 9 days
2016: 31 days
2017: not curtailed
2018: not curtailed
2019: not curtailed
2020: not curtailed

I also checked 2007, which represents an extreme drought year (poor snowpack followed by a hot, dry summer). In 2007, water right 23-11425 was curtailed for 57 days between mid-July and mid-September.

Attached is a list of all of the water rights that list the Palisades Canal as an authorized point of diversion. In addition to the three rights held by Palisade Irrigation Company, there are 55 privately held rights conveyed through the canal.

As we discussed, I plan on preparing draft transfer approvals in the next couple of weeks for the parties to consider.

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