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February 26, 1988

Mr. Charles Wallace
General Delivery
New Meadows, Idaho 83654

Dear Mr. Wallace:

This letter is in response to your letter received by the Department last Tuesday. The claim you filed in 1981 preserved on record the information you believed was true about your water right. The advantage to filing your water right then, other than preserving a record, was the legal notice placed in the newspaper that let other people know what you believed your water right was.

The filing of the previous claim did not confirm the water right as is set out just above your name on the claim form. Inside the pamphlet you received under the heading "why do all the water rights in Idaho have to be recorded, anyway?", states the claim can be used as evidence in a court when that time comes. The time is now.

I have enclosed a pamphlet that explains the whys and wherefores of the Snake River Basin Adjudication. The advantage for a claim like yours is that the ultimate decree will put it on equal footing in terms of real property as all other water users.

Further by having the claim recorded, the filing of your adjudication claim will take no time at all to do. You can come to Boise, or as the notice you received states, a mobile claims taking office will be in your area before June 8, 1988.

I hope I have answered your questions. If you have more please feel free to contact us again.

Sincerely,

Donald V. Shaff
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Adjudication Section
Supervisor

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