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RE: Applications for Transfer of Water Rights

Dear Applicant:

Your letter of September 7, 2005 regarding the processing of 2 applications for transfer has been forwarded to me. I would like to respond.

As discussed in the 8/4/05 letter from Steve Lester, the processing of your application has been delayed. Your water rights are based on Adjudication Claims that has been submitted in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). Processing water rights under both administrative and judicial actions produces confusion and complications. Our office will not be processing transfer applications until the objection period has expired for the lower Boise Basin area sometime in the fall of 2006.

I have discussed your and other applicants processing requests with the Department Administration. Over the next several months, the Administration has set completing the Boise Basin SRBA as a first Department priority. Your application will be held until the SRBA objection period has expired for your area. Our office will notify you when your application is again being processed.

We appreciate your cooperation concerning this matter. Should you have questions, please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Westra'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

John Westra, Manager
Western Region