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RE: Claim to Water Right No 11-7616

Dear Mr. Backman:

On August 14, 2008, the Eastern Region office of the Idaho Department of Water Resources received your claim to divert surface water from a spring for domestic use in several cabins. Although your claim was accepted, I have found that the claim form contains inconsistent information concerning the place-of-use.

This letter is to inform you that conflicting information exists within this claim and to invite you to amend your claim and resolve the conflict. No filing fees are required and no additional public notification will be necessary. To illustrate the problem, I have enclosed a recent aerial photo of the area. Labels that I have added to the photo show the location of the point-of-diversion for your claim and two alternative 40-acre tracts for the place-of-use. The grid entry boxes from question 6 on your claim form puts the place-of-use in the NE1/4 of the SE1/4, but the map associated with your claim form depicts the place-of-use in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4; a reverse of the quarter-quarter location listed by the grid.

Because many water right holders find the grid entry system confusing, I suspect the 40-acre grid boxes on your claim form need to be amended. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of your claim as it currently exists, and a blank claim form for use in filing an amended claim. Please return your notarized correction to the IDWR Boise, Idaho address listed on the letterhead above.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please call me at (208) 287-4945 or email me at Michele.Edl@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Michele Edl
Associate Engineer

Enclosures

