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RE: Partial Recommendation of CFPRBA Claim No. 97-8756

Dear Claimant,

The Department of Water Resources has received your Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) water right claim. Through our review of your claim, it was determined that the claim can only be partially recommended to the Court for the following reason.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was submitted for the use of groundwater for domestic and irrigation purposes with a claimed priority date of July 1, 1997. There was no evidence submitted with your claim to support the claimed priority date, but we did locate a well drillers report which we believe may pertain to your property. The enclosed well drillers report is for a well that was drilled for you and completed on July 10, 1998. As no other well drillers report could be found in connection with your property, claim no. 97-8756 will be recommended with a priority date of July 10, 1998, and maximum diversion rate of 0.04 CFS (approximately 18 GPM).

Additionally, while the claimed domestic water use can be recommended, the irrigation use claimed cannot be, as that use began after the Mandatory Permit Statute for groundwater. The permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from groundwater after March 25, 1963 (except for domestic and stockwater purposes as defined by Sections 42-111, Idaho Code). Domestic water use includes the irrigation of ½ acre around the home, but anything beyond that requires a water use permit. While only 0.1 acres was claimed for irrigation purposes, a large quantity of water was claimed for that use (0.09 CFS), and a review of aerial photos indicates that you may be irrigating an area greater than ½ acre on your property. If that is the case, then an Application for Permit should be submitted for that additional irrigation use. For your convenience, I have enclosed an Application for Permit form with instructions.

PLEASE NOTE: If you determine that the enclosed well drillers report is not applicable to the well in use on your property, and that your groundwater use began prior to July 10, 1998, please submit any evidence you may have reflecting that earlier use to our office at the address listed above.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office and we will be happy to help. I can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2815 or by email at evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Evan W. Roda', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Evan W. Roda
Water Rights Supervisor
Northern Region

Enclosure(s): Well Driller's Report, Application for Permit, Instructions