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CITY OF PRIEST RIVER
PO BOX 415
PRIEST RIVER, ID 83856

RE: Evidence of beneficial use for CFPRBA Claim 97-4230

Dear Claimant(s),

The Department of Water Resources has received your Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) water right claim, no. 97-4230. We are unable to recommend your adjudication claim at this time for the following reason.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was submitted for the use of water from Priest River for municipal purposes with a claimed priority date of January 1, 1925. The claim included a maximum diversion rate of 3.21 CFS. There was no evidence provided to support the claimed priority date or prove the capacity of the city's water system at that time. The statutory water right claim that your current claim is based upon is insufficient to serve as evidence of beneficial use as it was never proven up, nor was a field examination ever performed on the property. We will move forward with the recommendation of your CFPRBA Water Right claim once provided sufficient evidence to verify the beneficial use of this water source and capacity of the water system used beginning on or before the priority date claimed. **Please submit the required evidence within 30 days, referencing all documents with the corresponding claim number.**

PLEASE NOTE: IDWR will recommend the Court decree this claim as disallowed if no further evidence is submitted. It will be to your advantage to provide clear and convincing evidence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please 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.

Regards,

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