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RE: Partial Recommendation of CFPRBA Claim No. 97-7433

Dear Claimant(s),

The Department of Water Resources has received your Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) water right claim. Through our review, it was determined that your 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 a spring for domestic (2 homes) and stockwater purposes with a claimed priority date of October 23, 2003. This claim was filed on the basis of a previously issued water right license, no. 97-7433; however, that right is for stockwater use only. While the claimed stockwater use of the spring can be recommended, the additional claimed use of water for domestic purposes cannot be, as that use began after the Mandatory Permit Statute for surface water. The permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from surface water sources after May 20, 1971 (with exception of in-stream stock watering). If the use of the spring for domestic purposes began after May 20, 1971, then an Application for Permit should be submitted for that use. If the spring was in use for domestic purposes prior to that date, then an additional Notice of Claim to a Water Right should be submitted for that use along with any applicable evidence of when that use began. For your convenience, I have enclosed an Application for Permit form and a Notice of Claim to a Water Right form along with instructions for each.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office and we will be happy to help. I can be reached directly by phone during business hours at 208-762-2815 or by email at evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov.

Best Regards,

Evan W. Roda
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Enclosure(s): Application for Permit, Notice of Claim to a Water Right, Instructions