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RE: Evidence of priority date for CFPRBA Claim No. 97-8773

Dear Claimants,

The Department of Water Resources has received your Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) water right claim. 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 Lake for domestic purposes with a claimed priority date of December 31, 1969. Sufficient evidence of beneficial use was not submitted with the claim to support this priority date. The affidavit submitted with your claim describes the use of a community well for irrigation on the property prior to a home being built, but does not reflect any beneficial use of lake water on the premises. Bonner County records indicate a year built on the property of 1983.

We will move forward with the recommendation of your water right claim once provided sufficient evidence to verify the beneficial use of lake water for domestic purposes within the claimed place of use beginning on or before the priority date claimed. If the source of water historically utilized on the property is actually a well, then an Amended Notice of Claim will be needed to revise that source. Also, if the water was used on the property solely for irrigation purposes at the time of claimed priority, with no connection to home or livestock use, then the claimed purpose of use should be amended to irrigation only. For your convenience, I have enclosed a Notice of Claim form along with instructions that can be utilized to amend your claim. Feel free to reach out to me if you need assistance completing that claim form. **Please submit the required evidence, with amended claim if necessary, within 30 days, referencing the corresponding claim number (97-8773) with all documents submitted.**

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, do not hesitate to contact our office and we will be happy to help. I can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800 or by email at evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evan W. Roda', with a stylized, cursive script.

Evan W. Roda
Senior Water Supervisor
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Enclosures: Notice of Claim to a Water Right form, Instructions