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Dear Claimants,

I am contacting you about the Notice of Claim to a Water Right you filed on 6/26/22 for domestic use of your well. We have begun to review claims in your area for recommendation, and while reviewing your claim I noticed that your property is owned in a trust. IDWR strongly recommends keeping the ownership of the water right in the same ownership as the property. If this is something you would like to change, I have included the Notice of Change of Water Right Ownership form with this letter.

Additionally, I noticed that your claimed priority date (06/26/22) is also the same date that we received the online claim. I believe there may be a misunderstanding as to what the priority date means. This date is the date that water was first used for domestic use on your property. In your case, I see that the home was actually built in 2002. If you believe that there was ground water (i.e. well) being used for domestic purposes before the priority date you claimed, I would recommend changing that date on your claim.

In addition to the ownership change form, I have included a prepared Amended Notice of Claim that would reflect these changes. The priority date on the amended claim is the year the home was built. If you believe there should be any changes to this, please draw one line through it and initial next to your correction. If you wish to make changes, please send these two forms back to us as soon as possible. Currently, your claim is being recommended to the court as-claimed. There are currently no additional fees associated with these changes, but that will not always be the case in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns. We can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800.

Best Regards,

Greg Cooksey
Senior Water Resource Agent
Northern Region

Enclosures: Amended Notice of Claim to a Water Right form for Claim No. 97-8907, Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership form.