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JEFFREY MATTHEWS
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RE: Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) Claim #: 97-8991

Dear Jeffrey:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has received the Notice of Claim to a Water Right form you submitted for CFPRBA Claim No. 97-8991. We are unable to recommend the full extent of this claim to the Court for the following reason.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was filed for the domestic use of ground water (well), for one home, with a priority date of 10/1/2018. While in the process of reviewing the evidence to support your claim, I pulled your property's year-built date from the Bonner County Assessor's Office. The date given by the county indicates that there was not a residence on the property until 2020. In order to verify the county's information, I reviewed several aerial photos of your property from the last few years. Based on my review of the evidence at hand, I am only able to recommend a priority date of 12/31/2020.

If you have any additional evidence that you would like to submit that can verify the presence of a residence present on the property before 12/31/2020, please send that to our office for review. Additionally, you claimed a period of use that is shorter than our standard period of use for domestic use. Domestic use can be claimed year-round, and that can be recommended even if you are only at the residence a few months out of the year. You may amend this claim at any time before it is decreed to reflect year-round use.

If you are satisfied with the priority date and period of use that can be recommended to the Court, no further action is needed on your behalf.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800 or by email at greg.cooksey@idwr.idaho.gov.

Best Regards,

Greg Cooksey
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