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RE: Evidence of priority date for CFPRBA Claim No. 97-9609, additional claim needed for groundwater use

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 the claim to the full extent described for the following reasons.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was submitted for the domestic use of ground water and water from Priest Lake with a claimed priority date of January 1, 1935. Surface and ground water sources cannot be claimed on the same form unless the two sources are comingled into one delivery system. If you would like to record a water right for the use of ground water (well) on the property, an additional Notice of Claim to a Water Right for that use must be submitted (enclosed). Only the domestic use of water from Priest Lake will be included in the recommendation of this water right claim.

Additionally, sufficient evidence of beneficial use was not submitted with the claim to support the claimed priority date, and Bonner County records reflect a year built on the property of 1954. As the only evidence we have available reflects first domestic activity on the property in 1954, your claim will be recommended with a priority date of December 31, 1954. If you have additional evidence that can be supplied to support the earlier priority date claimed, you may submit that to the department and we will revise our recommendation of the water right claim accordingly. **Please submit any evidence you may have within 30 days, referencing the corresponding claim number (97-9609) with all documents submitted.**

PLEASE NOTE: IDWR will recommend the Court decree this claim with a priority date of December 31, 1954, if no further evidence is submitted.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office and we will be happy to help. We can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800.

Best Regards,

Evan W. Roda
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Enclosure(s): Notice of Claim to a Water Right Form with Instructions