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Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:49 AM
To: Ashley Williams
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Subject: RE: 14778 - Priest River Potential Disallow Claim 97-4230

Good morning Ashley,

Thank you for getting back to me on this. A formal letter is not needed as this email chain will be profiled into the claim's backfile.

The city does have an active water right license, no. 97-7066, which allows for the diversion of 2.79 CFS from the Pend Oreille River for domestic, irrigation, and stockwater use. The backfile records for that water right indicate that the license was acquired by the city to account for a significant upgrade to the water system's pumping capacity, in addition to moving the diversion works from the south bank of the river to the north. Based on that information, we know that there was likely a water system for the city in place prior to that upgrade, but we lack sufficient documentation of when that earlier system was first put to beneficial use or what its diversion capacity was.

As we currently lack the necessary evidence to support water right claim 97-4230, that claim must be recommended as disallowed. However, as previously stated, there is still some time before IDWR will submit the Director's Report for that region to the Court. You will be notified prior to that submission, which is tentatively planned to occur this coming fall. If any additional evidence is found in the meantime to support claim no. 9-4230, please submit that to our department and we will reevaluate our recommendation of the claim. Also, the adjudication of water rights in that area does not prevent the acquisition of new water rights for the city in the future.

Please feel free to reach out anytime if you have questions in the future, and we will be happy to provide assistance.

Best Regards,

Evan

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Hi Evan –

After reviewing the available records, unfortunately the City is not able to provide any further evidence or claim amendments at this time. Does IDWR need a formal letter or communication from City for the file?

Thank you,

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Hi Ashley,

Yes, we did receive your time extension request and have profiled it to your claim file. Additional evidence or claim amendments can be submitted for water right claims at any time prior to our filing of the Director's Report with the Court, and IDWR will revise our recommendations accordingly whenever provided new evidence or an Amended Notice of Claim. The Director's Report for your particular region will not be submitted until at least late summer or fall of 2024 so you have some time.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions and I'll be happy to help.

Best Regards,

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