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Hi Evan – thanks for the response. We were also having difficulty locating documentation which indicated when the earlier system was first put to beneficial use and what the diversion capacity was. We'll update you if we do locate any further records.

Thanks,

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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