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RE: Evidence of beneficial use for CFPRBA Claim 97-4011

Dear Claimants,

The Department of Water Resources has received your Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) water right claim, no. 97-4011. We are unable to recommend your adjudication claim at this time for the following reason.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was submitted for the use of water from Goose Creek for the irrigation of 22.2 acres with a claimed priority date of June 30, 1925. The statutory water right claim that your current claim is based upon is insufficient to serve as evidence of beneficial use as it was never proven up, nor was a field examination ever performed on the property. The affidavit from that statutory claim's backfile that you submitted as evidence is insufficient to support the claimed irrigation use as it does not describe the number of acres irrigated or where they were located. Further, historical aerial photos of the claimed property that we have reviewed do not reflect active irrigation or cultivation of the land. We will move forward with the recommendation of your CFPRBA Water Right claim once provided sufficient evidence to verify the beneficial use of this water source for the purposes claimed beginning on or before the priority date claimed. **Please submit the required evidence within 30 days, referencing all documents with the corresponding claim number.**

PLEASE NOTE: IDWR will recommend the Court decree this claim as disallowed if no further evidence is submitted. It will be to your advantage to provide clear and convincing evidence. If the claim is disallowed, it will not prevent the acquisition of new water rights on the property in the future, although an Application for Permit may be required.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office and we will be happy to help. I can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2815 or by email at evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov.

Regards,

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