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RE: Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) claims 97-9019 and 97-9023

Dear Claimant(s)

Thank you for taking time to show us around during our field exam on June 27 of this year. I have reviewed the information we collected in the field. I am unable to recommend your adjudication claims at this time for the following reason.

Both 97-9019 and 97-9023 require additional evidence to support their respective priority dates (see enclosed claims). I have enclosed a pamphlet entitled 'Evidence of Priority'. The pamphlet describes the evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. Please review the section highlighted in yellow. We will move forward with the recommendation of your claims once you provide sufficient evidence to verify the beneficial use of the water source for irrigation purposes within the claimed place of use beginning at or before the priority date claimed.

Please note: IDWR may recommend the Adjudication Court decree the claims disallowed if no evidence of the priority date and of the historic use is submitted.

Claim 97-9019 appears to be an almost direct overlap with license 97-7440 (copy enclosed). License 97-7440, source also ground water includes irrigation as a beneficial use. Right 97-7440 has a priority date of November 19, 2004. Will claim 97-9019 add additional acres? Combined 97-9019 and 97-7440 will be limited to the capacity of the system and an inch per acre (0.02 cfs).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 208.287.4881 or sandra.thiel@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Adjudication Bureau

Enclosure(s)
Cc: Will Welker