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BEVERLY RASOR
DOUGLAS RASOR
1050 E FOREST PARK LN
COEUR D ALENE, ID 83815

Re: Notice of Claim to a Water Right 96-9341

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rasor,

Thank you, Mrs. Rasor, for speaking with me on March 4, 2024, about your water right from Lake Pend Oreille. You helped me better understand where your property is, and what water you use. However, I still have a couple of questions that I hope you could help me with.

To recap, when you filed your water right claim, you claimed an established water right identified as 96-9341. This water right authorizes diversion from Lake Pend Oreille for 1 acre of irrigation. This water right was issued in the name of Douglas and Beverly Rasor on December 14, 2007.

I contacted you because all our records show that water right 96-9341 is applicable to a property that is currently owned by Dennis Spire (Spier Trust). I do not see that there is a water right on record that is applicable to the property you currently own. My hope was that you might be able to help me figure out why a water right in your name, is tied to a property you do not own.

With this letter, I am enclosing copies of several documents:

1. The application for permit for 96-~~7361~~ 9341 – This is your application to develop a water right, received by IDWR on September 14, 2007.
2. Beneficial use Field Report – This is a report of what an IDWR field examiner found when they went to verify the water right.
3. Water Right License 96-9341

Question 1: Is this a picture of the cabin you currently own and use water at:



This picture was taken on 8/14/2008 during the licensing field examination.

Question 2: Is this your cabin near the lake on the lakeside of Driftwood Shore road with your storage building up hill on the Hillside of Raven View Drive?



This picture comes from the Bonner County Assessor's office.

Question 3: Did you ever own the highlighted lot in the picture below that is currently owned by Dennis Spier?



This picture comes from the Bonner County Assessor's office.

All the documents I have enclosed show that the water right you claimed for your property, was developed on the Spier property.

There are a couple of reasons that I can think of that might explain the discrepancy:

1. You owned the Spier property back when the water right was developed, or
2. You never owned the Spier property, and the original map on the application for permit was wrong to begin with and no one ever questioned it.

Either way, unless there is another piece of the puzzle that I am missing, I think we are going to have to modify what you filed.

Please look over this letter and the maps and when you have a few minutes, give me a call and we can talk about how to move forward.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Craig L. Saxton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" being more prominent than the last name "Saxton".

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