



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

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Governor Brad Little

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June 27, 2025

Response Deadline: July 25, 2025

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Subject: Bear River Basin Adjudication Claim

Dear Claimant(s),

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has received your water right claim in the Bear River Basin Adjudication and has begun to review your claim. Your claim is based on beneficial use and you did not provide evidence to support the claimed priority date. In order for us to confirm the historical use of your claim, you will need to provide evidence to support the claimed priority date. Evidence can be any documentation showing when the water right and use began. This includes farm records, family journals, affidavits from the original water right owner or a close relative of theirs, Homestead Record Case Files, aerial imagery, crop records, etc.

Please supply this evidence to IDWR by July 25, 2025. You may submit your evidence to the Preston Field Office at:

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
325 EAST 600 SOUTH, STE 300
PRESTON ID 83263

Your claim will be evaluated with the documentation provided and may be disallowed if priority date evidence is not supplied by the response deadline. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to call me at (208) 701-7200.

Sincerely,

Kyle McMurray
Water Resource Agent
Adjudication Bureau