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From: Roda, Evan
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 10:02 AM
To: Dylan R. Hedden-Nicely
Subject: CFPRBA Claim nos. 97-7541 & 97-7544

Good morning Dylan,

I am writing to follow up on our previous phone discussion on March 4th. In that call we discussed the remaining evidence needed to complete the recommendations of the Kalispel Tribe's CFPRBA water right claim nos. 97-7541 and 97-7544. As our time is now growing short for claim review in that area, we would like to get those claim recommendations completed within the next two months. Before that can be done, these last pieces of the puzzle are needed.

To recap what is still needed for those claims:

97-7541 – As previously discussed, we have sufficient evidence on hand to recommend this claim with a priority date of 10/3/1958 based on dated aerial photos reflecting active cultivation of the claimed land. However, IDWR will need to conduct a field examination of the diversion works to determine the overall capacity of the irrigation system used. Please let us know as soon as that exam can be scheduled.

97-7544 – Evidence on hand is insufficient to support the claimed use of water from Blanc Creek for the irrigation of 12 acres. An affidavit signed by Oscar Derrick, Fred Brooks, and Asa Ropp on 9/2/1971 was originally submitted in support of statutory water right claim no. 97-4012, and described the use of water from Blanc Creek on the Henry Drake Ranch for domestic and stockwatering purposes dating back to June 1925. That affidavit, along with historical aerial photos, is sufficient evidence for us to recommend the claimed stockwater use, but we will also need to know the number and type of livestock watered via Blanc Creek.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns regarding these claims, and I will be happy to help.

Respectfully,

~Evan



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