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SUBJECT: Bear River Basin Adjudication Claim No. 11-1101

Dear Claimant,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources is reviewing your water right claim in the Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA). These items must be addressed before we can proceed:

4. Point of Diversion: The claim contains two diversion points diverting water from the Bear River. No description is provided. There is no historical information in the department records or the ability to confirm diversion systems through aerial imagery. A full description of the water diversion system is required.

8. Place of Use: The claim describes 156.22 acres of irrigation. However, a significant portion of the claimed irrigated acres are not located on land that you own. In addition, the decreed water right the claim is based on only describes 80 acres of irrigation; this claim is nearly double. Lastly, aerial imagery is inconclusive whether irrigation is still occurring.

An amended claim is required to describe the irrigation system and address all questions mentioned above. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this more. Your claim will be recommended **disallowed** until we hear from you or receive an amended claim.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Copy of BRBA Claim 11-1101