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CONOR AND JAMECE MCLEISH
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RE: Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA) Claim 11-4028

Dear Claimants,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) received BRBA claim 11-4028 on October 11th, 2023. Review of your claim indicates the uses are in violation of Idaho's Mandatory Permit Statute for the water source and purposes of use claimed.

The permit system for establishing a water right became mandatory for uses developed from ground water after March 25, 1963 (except for domestic purposes as defined by Section 42-111, Idaho Code) and for developed surface water after May 20, 1971 (except for watering stock directly from natural streams).

Aerial imagery indicates the use of developed spring water for stock and domestic purposes began after May 20, 1971. Because a water right was not established under the permit system, an "Application for Permit" form must be filed and the claim will be recommended as disallowed. The adjudication claim fee you paid can be applied to the application for permit filing fee.

An Application for Permit form with instructions is enclosed along with a "Request for Withdrawal of Claim with Filing fees Applied to Application for Permit" form. If you have any questions regarding these forms, please contact the Idaho Falls office at (208) 525-7161 or by email at easterninfo@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian Wunsch
Senior Water Resource Agent, Preston Field Office

Enclosure(s): Application for Permit and instructions, Request for Withdrawal Form