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IDWR officials will be in Moscow June 11-13 to assist with water rights claims for the Palouse Basin Adjudication

MOSCOW – (June 4, 2019) - Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) staff will be available to assist the public with filing Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) water right claims on June 11-13 at the Latah County Fairgrounds & Events Center in Moscow, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day.

IDWR staff will serve the public on a first-come, first-served basis during those hours to answer questions and help people with filing water rights claims. There was a large turnout for the Moscow workshops in May. The busiest times were in the mornings, so water users may want to plan accordingly.

IDWR recommends that water users bring their property tax notice with parcel information, any related water right records, and knowledge of the facts related to the development of water use on their property, especially the date when the water was first used. In addition, although not required, individuals filing claims could save time by bringing a map or aerial photo showing the location of their water source and water use. A simple map can be generated using online applications such as Google Maps or Bing Maps or by printing an aerial photo and drawing on it, officials said.

Payment of filing fees for water rights claims can be made during the public meetings in Moscow by cash or check only. For cash transactions, please bring the exact amount due.

In April, IDWR sent out approximately 8,000 notices to property owners in north-central Idaho, soliciting water right claims for the Palouse River Basin Adjudication. The deadline for filing claims is Aug. 30, 2019.

Filing complex water rights claims or multiple claims may take more time and could require follow-up through additional appointments or by telephone, e-mail, or written communication, IDWR officials said.

For additional information, including the filing fee schedule, go to www.idwr.idaho.gov or call:

- Adjudication Hotline: (800) 451-4129
- Temporary office phone at Latah County Fairgrounds: (208) 519-0396
- Northern Region Office: (208) 762-2800

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