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**Governor Brad Little**

**Director Mathew Weaver**

August 7, 2024

**RE: Basin 97 Preliminary Director's Report**

Water Right Claimant(s):

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR or Department) has completed its initial investigation of your water right claim(s) for the Clark-Fork Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA). Enclosed is a printout of IDWR's preliminary recommendation for reporting your claim(s) to the CFPRBA District Court in 2024. For water rights with an irrigation use, a map of the place of use for your claim(s) is also enclosed.

**Please carefully review the preliminary recommendation(s).** If you believe any information in the recommendation is inaccurate, please fill out the enclosed reply form to document your suggested changes. The enclosed letter from Craig Saxton, IDWR Adjudication Section Manager, contains instructions to assist you in reviewing your preliminary recommendation(s) and completing the reply form.

The Department also created four short videos to help guide water users in reviewing preliminary recommendation(s). Craig Saxton's letter includes a link to the videos on IDWR's website.

This preliminary recommendation process is intended to ensure that IDWR recommends your water right(s) accurately to the CFPRBA District Court. After IDWR submits its recommendations to the Court, any changes must be made through the court system. The preliminary recommendation process is the easiest and least costly means for you to identify corrections you believe should be made to IDWR's recommendation. Your submittal of corrections, if any, to IDWR and the CFPRBA District Court may improve the accuracy of your water right and promote the overall success of the CFPRBA.

If you have any questions, please contact IDWR's Northern Regional Office at (208) 762-2800, or IDWR's State Office Adjudication Hotline at (800) 451-4129. The Department staff look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Mat Weaver, Director  
Idaho Department of Water Resources