

EXPLANATION OF ELEMENTS OF A WATER RIGHT

To assist you in reviewing the preliminary recommendation of your claim are the following explanations:

Water right number: This number is assigned by IDWR to identify your claim. The first two digits indicate the sub-basin of the Snake River Basin where your claim is located.

Name and address of claimant: This is the name and address shown on the notice of claim form, or on the most recent *Notice of Change of Water Right Ownership* (see enclosed form if you need to change this information) that was filed with IDWR as required by statute.

Source: The source is the natural water body to which the claimant has a right. For surface water sources, the natural water body to which the source is tributary is also shown.

Priority Date: This is the calendar date which is used to determine the relative priority of the right in relation to other rights from the same source, and is determined based on the method of appropriation (see basis of right, below). When there is insufficient water available to satisfy all existing rights, the water right holders with the oldest priorities are entitled to have their water rights satisfied before right holders with newer priorities are entitled to water.

Purpose of Use: Purpose of use indicates the general type of use made on the water, such as irrigation, domestic, or stockwater.

Period of Use: The period of use is the portion of the calendar year when water may be used for a particular purpose.

Quantity: The quantity of the right is the rate of diversion in cubic feet per second (CFS), the volume of water diverted in acre feet per calendar year (AFY), and/or the volume of water stored in AFY. The quantity for each purpose of use is shown, as well as the total quantity.

Non-irrigation Uses: If your preliminary recommendation includes purposes of use other than irrigation, then this element further describes the other purposes of use.

Point of Diversion: The point of diversion is the point at which water is diverted from the source, and is generally described by a legal description of the 40 acre tract (1/4 1/4 section or 1/16 section) or government lot within which the point of diversion is located. In some instances the point of diversion is described by a legal description of the 10 acre tract (1/4 1/4 1/4 section or 1/64 section) within which the point of diversion is located.

"B" and "E" suffixes indicate the beginning and ending points of an instream flow right. "I" and "R" suffixes indicate points of injection and rediversion. Points of injection and rediversion are indicated where water is diverted from one source, injected into another source, and then rediverted, or where water from one source is exchanged with water from another source.

Place of Use: The place of use is the location where water is used, which is indicated by a legal description of the 40 acre tract (1/4 1/4 section or 1/16 section) or government lot where the water is used. For irrigation rights, the number of irrigated acres in each 40 acre tract or government lot is listed.

Remarks: Remarks, if any, further describe the particular right. PLEASE REVIEW THE REMARKS CAREFULLY.

Basis of Right: The basis of right may be a decree (where the water right was previously determined by a court); posted notice (an historical method of appropriation that is no longer available); beneficial use (another historical method of appropriation that is available today only in very-limited circumstances); permit (where IDWR has granted an application seeking approval of a proposed appropriation); or license (where an appropriation has been completed pursuant to permit).