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Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Water Right Recommendations #2-64 and 2-65

Dear Ron,

Thanks for taking another look at the boundary line along the south part of the Gem Irrigation District. I hope the enclosed maps and this letter direct you to the locations where I have questions. The lines on the two enclosed maps are the same except one has the 1987 photography to show the irrigated areas that year. The second shows the lines better without any photography. The shaded areas on the maps to the south of the District represent what IDWR has for the BLM parcels. Lands in sections 24, 25, and 36 without shading are State Lands mostly.

The purple-colored line on the maps is the boundary IDWR sent to the Court in the Director's Report (DR) in 2006. The record shows US BOR was instrumental in creating this boundary line. BLM objected to parts of the boundary and supplied a line satisfying their concerns. The blue-green line incorporates BLM's changes to the DR boundary plus the changes noted below.

Starting in section 23, the revised line to the south would add lands mostly of Rausch Farms and Beskoon. The other change is in the SW ¼ of section 18 and continuing down into sections 19 and 20 incorporates mostly the lands of Loucks and Smith. Any other changes from purple to blue-green including any "doughnut holes" are the revised line meeting BLM's objection or the two lines coincide with the purple on top or overlaying the new blue-green line.

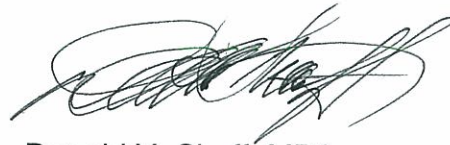
The other day in our telephone conversation I mentioned some of the property of Mertz/Symms in generally sections 15 and 16. I looked further and found the land in question is above the South Canal. The land above and within the existing boundary for the same parcels have separate water rights from the Snake River to irrigate the land. No adjustments to the boundary line have been made for the property of Mertz/Symms.

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Of course, let me know if these maps fail to convey the specifics above. I can project and display the mapping information on a screen in a meeting where I can zoom and move around more to change or display information from the GIS data much more so than a static map. We can set a meeting here to do so.

The boundary issue is the last part for the amended director's reports on the two District water rights from the Snake River. The points of diversion and acres are no problem. Thanks for your help, Ron.

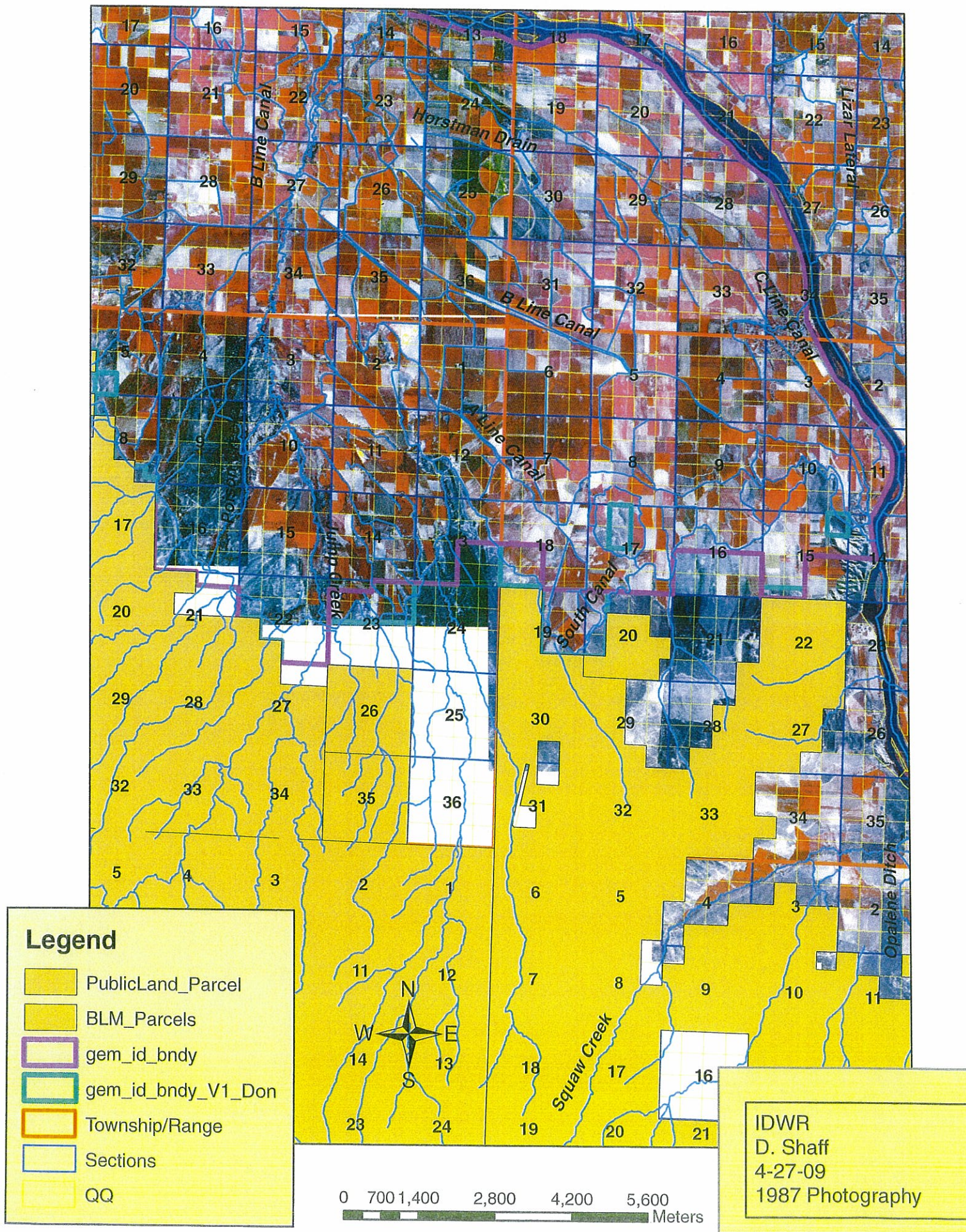
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald V. Shaff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald V. Shaff, MPA
Adjudication Bureau Chief

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Gem ID Boundary



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