

01/12/2007

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION OF WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

RIGHT NUMBER: 73-10100

NAME AND ADDRESS: LEE J WATSON
4177 RD L
ORLAND CA 95963

CATHERINE M WATSON
4177 RD L
ORLAND CA 95963

SOURCE: PAHSIMEROI RIVER

TRIBUTARY: SALMON RIVER

QUANTITY: 3.200 CFS

PRIORITY DATE: 02/18/1926

POINT OF DIVERSION:

T14N R22E S35 NESW Within LEMHI County

PURPOSE AND
PERIOD OF USE:

<u>PURPOSE OF USE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
IRRIGATION	04/01 10/31	3.200 CFS

PLACE OF USE: IRRIGATION in LEMHI County

T14N R22E S22	SWNE	37.00	T14N R22E S22	SENE	11.00
T14N R22E S22	NESE	40.00	T14N R22E S22	NWSE	37.00
T14N R22E S22	SWSE	39.00	T14N R22E S22	SESE	39.00
T14N R22E S23	NESW	15.00	T14N R22E S23	NWSW	40.00
T14N R22E S23	SWSW	40.00	T14N R22E S23	SESW	38.00
T14N R22E S26	NENW	38.00	T14N R22E S26	NWNW	40.00

414 ACRES TOTAL

The rights listed below are limited to the irrigation of a combined total of 414 acres in a single irrigation season. Combined Right Nos.: 73-33, 73-152A, 73-153A, 73-2151, 73-10100.

OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as may be ultimately determined by the Court at a point in time no later than the entry of a final unified decree. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.

EXPLANATORY MATERIAL: BASIS OF CLAIM - Beneficial Use



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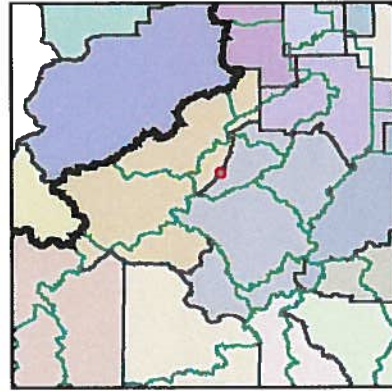
SRBA Recommendation:

73-10100

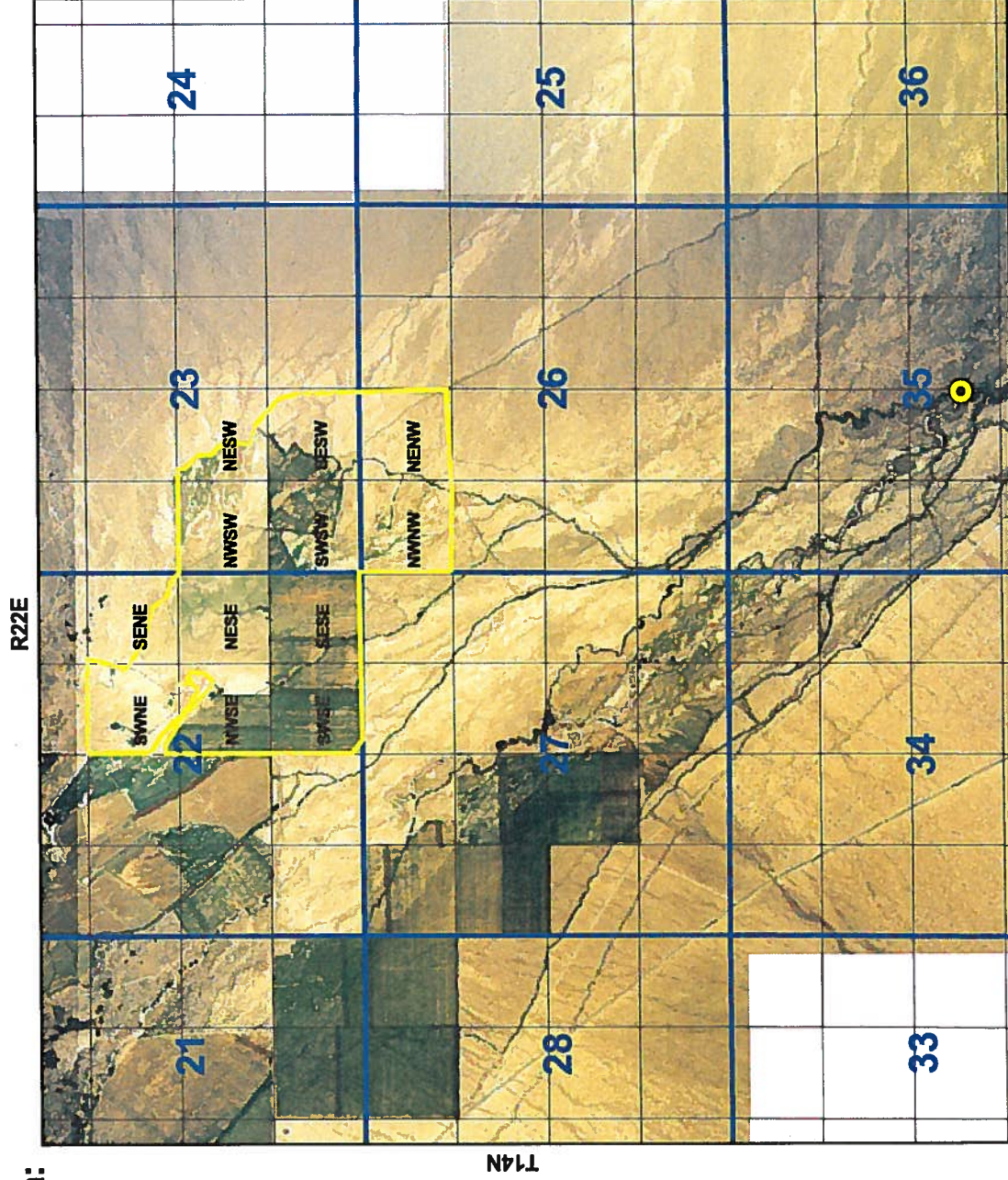
(Irrigation)

Legend

- Point of Diversion
- Place of Use
- Townships
- PLS Sections
- Quarter Quarters



Lemhi, Custer Counties
IDWR Basin 73



0 1 2 Miles

Prepared by D. Shaff
On Friday, January 12, 2007
1987/88 Aerial Photography

02/21/2006

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Right not claimed in prior adjudication.

EXPLANATORY MATERIAL: BASIS OF CLAIM - Beneficial Use

Right not claimed in prior adjudication: This is included for a claim that is proposed to be disallowed because rights to water from the source claimed were determined in a prior general adjudication, The right was not decreed in the prior adjudication, and the claim cannot be recommended based upon beneficial use.



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Governor

KARL J. DREHER
Director

October 8, 2006

Lee and Catherine Watson
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Orland, CA 95963

Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Notice of Error Reply – Subcase No. 73-10100

Dear Lee and Catherine,

Thank you for your response to our preliminary recommendation of the water right claim(s) captioned above. This letter is an attempt to answer your questions and address your concerns about the recommendation(s).

It's important to understand that the paperwork you attached to each Reply was not a determination of your water rights; it was a copy of information taken from the original claim in the SRBA. IDWR is required to verify and make its recommendation of your claims to the SRBA Court. We are now going through that process.

73-33, 73-152A, 73-153A

Many of the elements of a water right that has been previously decreed, such as these three, are recommended as they were decreed. This is true of the priority dates and sources for these rights. The season of use, if it is not listed in the decree, is limited to the standard season for all other rights in your area.

Two of the claims (73-152A and 73-153A) were for portions of previously decreed rights. Your neighbors claimed other portions of these rights. IDWR made a determination of which quantity of water belonged to individual claimants, based on the original decrees. Disagreements caused by this type of determination are best settled during the objection phase of the SRBA, when all of the involved parties can work together for a solution. The objection phase will be described in the upcoming Director's Report, which you should receive in the mail shortly.

A water right recommendation in the SRBA must include a list of actual irrigated acres. We use aerial photography to establish the acres irrigated at the commencement of this adjudication: November 19, 1987. In your case, we used 1988 photography to establish your place of use. We found 230 acres irrigated in 1988; this is the basis of our recommended in the SRBA.

A copy of the photography is attached, with your property boundary outlined in black. It does not appear that all of the acres you own were irrigated at that time. With this evidence, we are unable to change our recommendation as requested.

We have also attached a copy of 2006 NAIP photography. The irrigation practice has obviously changed with the installation of pivots; you may now be irrigating more than can be recommended. This may cause a problem for you in the future; I would recommend that you contact IDWR as soon as possible to resolve this issue.

73-10098, 73-10099

IDWR could find no record of the water rights claimed by Mr. Hamilton as 73-10098 and 73-10099. We are unable to recommend these claims.

73-10100

In this case, Dwayne Hamilton had made the original claim with a priority date May 1, 1886. In addition, the claim was made for "high water" (see Remarks on the Adjudication Claim Profile Report). Such a claim is for the beneficial use of water in addition to any decreed or licensed water rights.

We are unable to recommend this claim without additional information. Please complete and submit the enclosed questionnaire. The information you supply describing your water delivery system and irrigation methods is essential in order for our staff to evaluate this beneficial use claim. Much of the information required is technical; you may wish to contact the Soil Conservation Service or other professionals for assistance with the form.

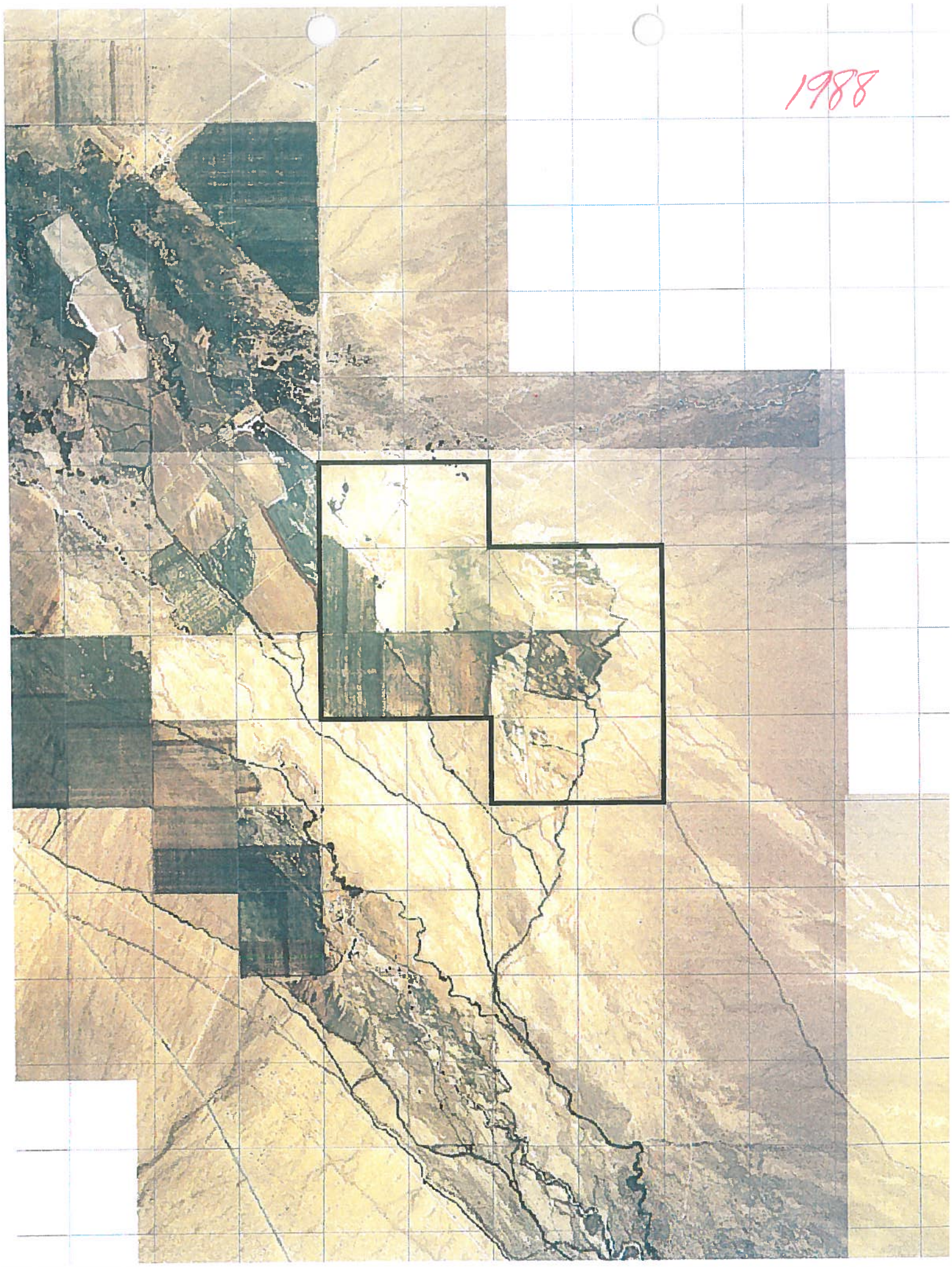
Please call me at (208) 287-4914 if you have additional questions or concerns. You may also reach me using email: roxanne.brown@idwr.idaho.gov.

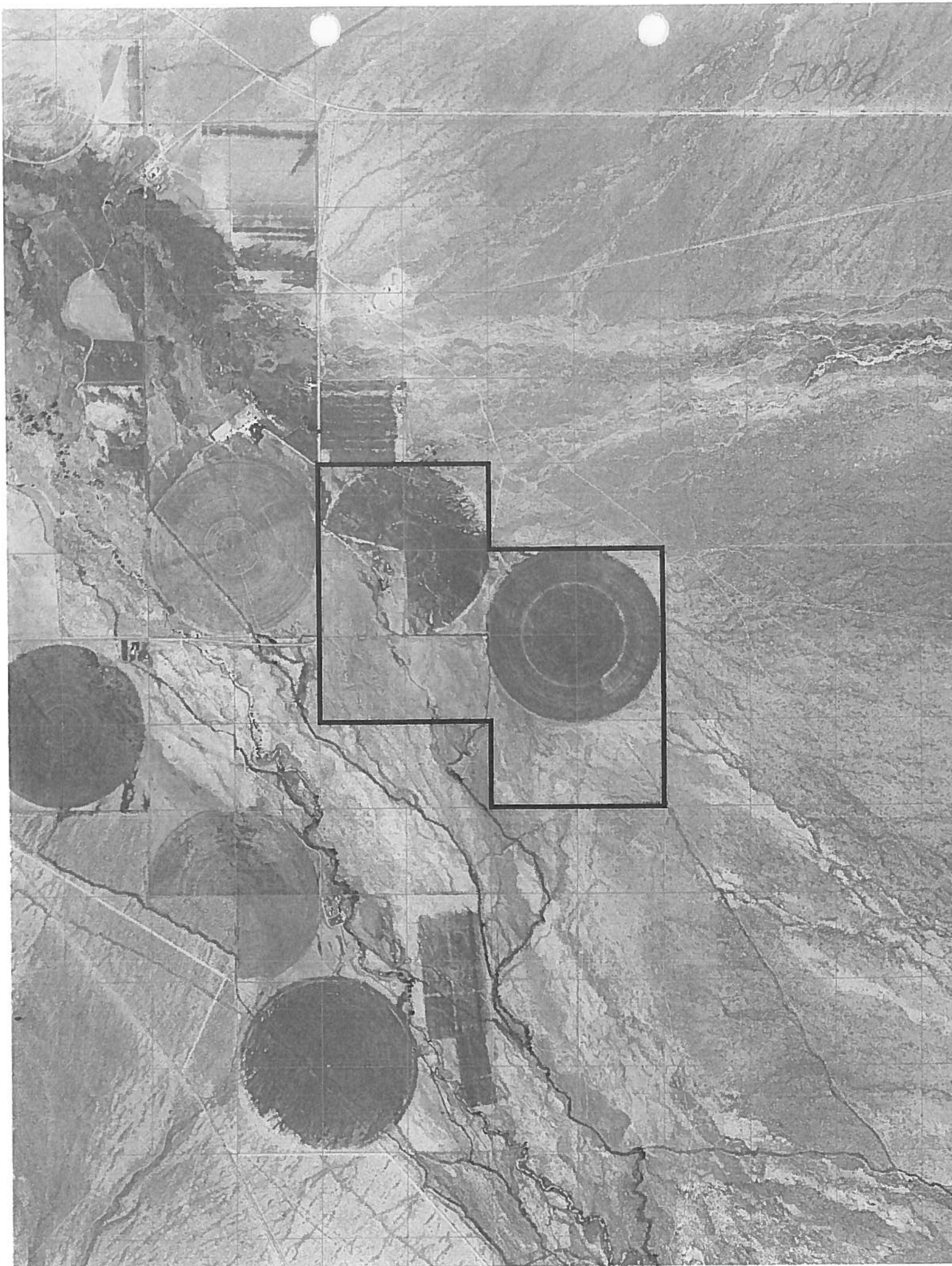
Sincerely,



Roxanne Brown
Water Rights Supervisor
Adjudication Bureau
Idaho Department of Water Resources

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