

PHONE MEMORANDUM

Date: October 8, 2020
To: Claim No. 87-10827
From: Alex Dalglish
Re: Priority Date

Domestic claim 87-10274 proposed a priority date of 5/18/1988. Latah County parcel data showed a build date of 2015. Additionally, Department records showed a well point on the parcel. This well point is associated with metal tag No. D0079212 and was drilled in March of 2019. The well drillers report states that the work was to deepen an existing well. Aerial imagery also appeared to support that a home was constructed on the property around 2015.

With all of the available evidence, I could only recommend a priority of 2015. I called the claimants on 10/8/2020 to try to gain evidence to support an earlier priority date. I spoke with Richard Beebe. He informed me that Jim and Pam Colbert originally owned a large parcel of land in the area. The large parcel was subdivided and through the process of splitting the property, the Colbert's drilled a new well in 2006. It appears that the old well used by the Colbert's was on a portion of property they split off and sold. New owners bought this portion of land with the old well and tore down the house. They intended to rebuild but were unable to apparently. The claimants bought the parcel from those owners and built their house in 2015.

The old well is still in the name of Jim Colbert and Department records have it located in the center of the 40 acres in the NESW QQ, T39N, R05W. This well is associated with permit number 87-88-n-7-400. The drillers report for this well shows that it was a replacement well drilled in 4/27/1988.

Based on this information from Richard Beebe, I will recommend a priority of 5/18/1988. The point of diversion location for the recommendation will be in the center of parcel No. RP39N05W051220 at the POU. I do not have strong enough evidence to move the well data point in ArcMap.