

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Ident. Number 37-7861
Date Received: 10/26/2005
Receipt No:
Received By: C079567

**NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW**

1. Name of Claimant(s)

JAMES W MECHAM Phone: (208)734-1279
PO BOX 3119
428 MAIN AVE N
TWIN FALLS ID USA 83301-3119

2. Date of Priority: 10/28/1980

3. Source: STODDARD CREEK SPRING , STODDARD CREEK SPRING , STODDARD CREEK SPRING
Trib. to: STODDARD CREEK , STODDARD CREEK , STODDARD CREEK

4. Point of Diversion:

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of	1/4 of	1/4 Lot	County	Type
06S	13E	27	SE	NW	NW 1	GOODING	
06S	13E	27		NW	SW 1	GOODING	
06S	13E	27		NW	NW	GOODING	

5. Description of diverting works:

Original diversion is at Staddard Creek Spring. Water enters 10.5 inch inverted pipe (siphon) in NWNW of Section 27. Pipe emerges on west side of Old Highway 30 to No. 2 diversion (22 ft square by 3 ft. deep) with Harrison and McFadden. Sinkinson's and Mecham's water is carried by pipe containing flowmeter 65 yards to diversion No. 3 approx. 13 feet square by 2 ft. deep box dividing Sinkinson's and Mecham's water. Thence into 8 inch pipe reduced downline 80 yards to 6 inch pipe to points of use at Mecham's in the NWSW of Section 27.

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

Purpose	From	To	C.F.S.	(or) A.F.A
FISH PROPAGATION	03/15	11/01	0.714	
FISH PROPAGATION	11/01	03/15	0.3	
POWER	03/15	11/01	0.714	
POWER	11/01	03/15	0.3	
RECREATION	03/15	11/15	0.714	
RECREATION	11/01	03/15	0.3	
RECREATION STORAGE	01/01	12/31		1

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:
0.714 C.F.S.

8. Total consumptive use:

9. Non-irrigation uses:

10. Place of use:

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of 1/4	Lot	Use	Acres
06S	13E	27	NW	SW	POWER	

11. Place of use in counties: GOODING

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? Yes

13. Other Water Rights Used:

14. Remarks:

Our maximum allotted water 0.714 cfs is used as follows: 4 dwellings, irrigation of 2 acres, stockwater and the remainder for non-consumptive use, vis. fish propagation and hydropower (at two hydropower sites). First turbine hardly works with less than 0.714 cfs. The bulk of the use is non-consumptive.

15. Basis of Claim: Permit



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200, Twin Falls, ID 83301-3380

Phone: (208) 736-3033 FAX: (208) 736-3037 DEPT INTERNET WEB SITE: www.idwr.idaho.gov

SOUTHERN REGION

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER
DIRECTOR

October 21, 2005

Carter Fritschle

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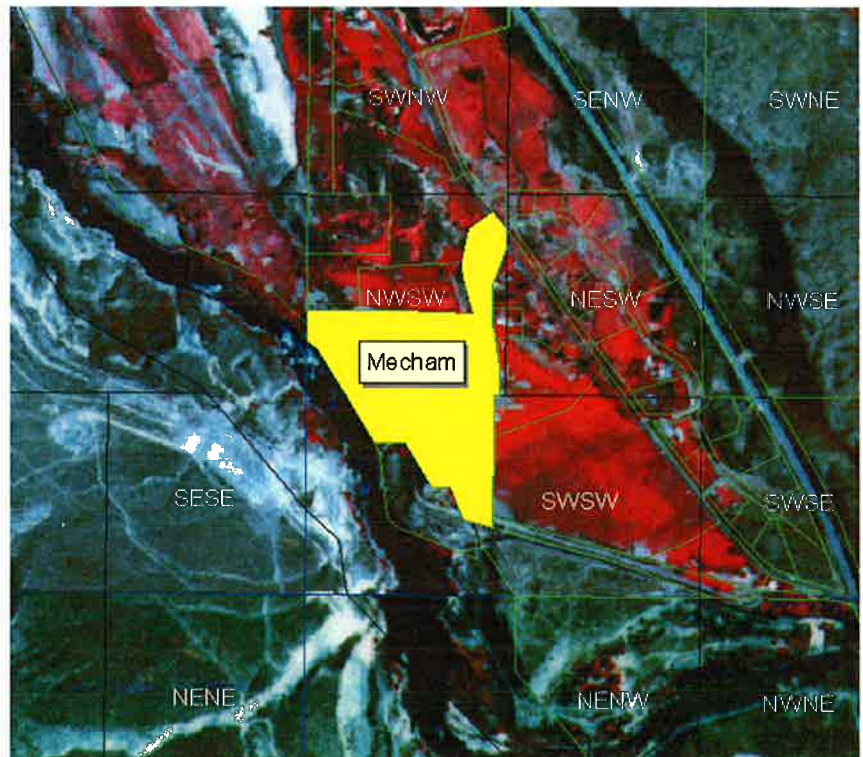
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Department of Water Resources

RE: SNAKE RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION (SRBA) CLAIM(S): 37-7861

Dear Carter

Enclosed is a claim made by James and June Mecham of Twp 06s Rng 13e Sec 27 NWSW. He mentioned he has been working with you on his claims. This claim appears to be for Power, Recreation and Fish Propagation. Call Mr. Mecham or myself with any additional questions.



Sincerely

Nick Treasure
Water Resource Agent

E-mail address:

nick.treasure@idwr.idaho.gov

Enclosures

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Department of Water Resources

NOTICE OF CLAIM
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Please type or print clearly

1. Name of Claimant (s) James W. Mechem Phone (208) 734-1279
Mailing Address P.O. Box 3119 Twin Falls, ID Zip 83303-3119

2. Date of Priority (Only one (1) per claim) 10-28-1980

3. Source of water supply (a) STODDARD CREEK SPRING
which is tributary to (b) STODDARD CREEK

4. a. Location of existing point of diversion is: Township 6 S Range 13 E Section 27

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of 1/4, Govt. Lot, 1 B.M., County of Gooding

Additional points of diversion if any: 2 as listed below

b. If instream flow, beginning point of claimed instream flow is:

Township 6 S Range 13 E Section 27, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4,

Govt. Lot 1 B.M., County of Gooding

ending point is: Township 6 S Range 13 E Section 27, NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of

1/4, Govt. Lot 1 B.M., County of Gooding

5. Description of existing diversion works (Dams, Reservoirs, Ditches, Wells, Pumps, Pipelines, Headgates, Etc),
including the dates of any changes or enlargements in use, the dimensions of the diversion works as
constructed and as enlarged and the depth of each well.

Original diversion is at Stoddard Cr.
Spring. Water enters 10 1/2" inverted pipe (siphon) in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4
of section 27. Pipe emerges on west side of old Hwy 30 to #2 (22 S. 41 X)
diversion with Harrison, McFadden, Sinkinson's & Mechem's water is carried
by pipe containing flowmeter 65 yds to diversion #3 approx. 13 sq. ft. x 2' deep
box dividing Sinkinson's & Mechem's water. Thence into 8" pipe
reduced downline 80 yds to 6" pipe to points of use at
~~mechem's~~ mechem's in the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 27.

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6. Water is claimed for the following purposes:

For Recreation Storage (both dates are inclusive) (cfs) (acre feet)
 For power purposes from 1/01 to 12/31 amount .714 or 1.00 AF
 For power purposes from 3/15 to 11/01 amount .300 or
 For Recreation purposes from 3/15 to 11/01 amount .714 or
 For FISH PROPAGATION purposes from 3/15 to 11/01 amount .714 or
 For FISH PROPAGATION purposes from 11/01 to 3/15 amount .300 or

7. Total quantity claimed (a) .714 (cfs) and/or (b) (acre feet)

8. Total consumptive use claimed is acre feet per annum.

9. Non-irrigation uses; describe fully (eg. Domestic: Give number of households served; Stockwater: Type and number of livestock Etc.) DOMESTIC - 4 households (other uses listed above)

10. Description of place of use:

- If water is for irrigation, indicate acreage in each subdivision in the tabulation below.
- If water is used for other purposes, place a symbol of use (example: D for Domestic) in the corresponding place of use below. See instructions for standard symbols.

TWP	RNG	SEC	NE 1/4				NW 1/4				SW 1/4				SE 1/4				Totals
			NE1/4	NW1/4	SW1/4	SE1/4	NE1/4	NW1/4	SW1/4	SE1/4	NE1/4	NW1/4	SW1/4	SE1/4	NE1/4	NW1/4	SW1/4	SE1/4	
6S	13E	27										X							

Total number of acres irrigated

11. In which county (ies) are lands listed above as place of use located? Gooding

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? Yes X No
 If your answer is No, describe in Remarks below the authority you have to claim this water right.

13. Describe any other water rights used at the same place and for the same purposes as described above.
37-7756 for Domestic & stockwater (licensed) 37-1244 for stockwater or None ()

14. Remarks: Our maximum allotted water .714 cfs is used as follows: 4 dwellings, irrigation of 2 acres, stockwater, & the remainder for NON-CONSUMPTIVE use, viz., fish propagation & hydro power (at two hydro power sites). First turbine hardly works with less than .714 cfs. THE BULK OF USE IS NON-CONSUMPTIVE.

Name Mecham Ident No. 37-7861

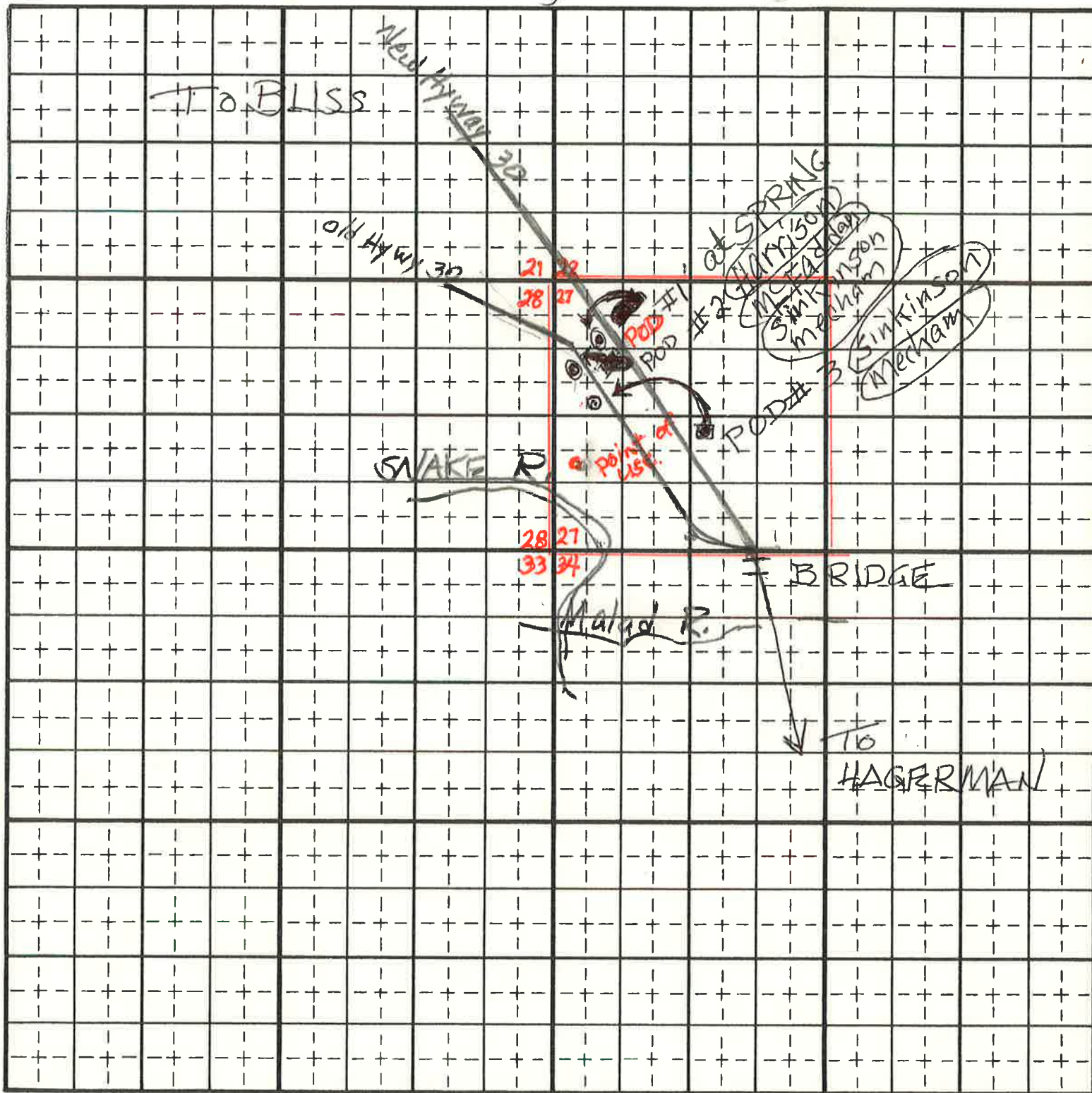
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Map of Project: show clearly the point of diversion, place of use, section number, township, and range number.

Scale: 2 inches equals 1 mile



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Last Name

MECHAM

Ident No.

Copies: White-State, Yellow-Claimant

15. Basis of Claim (check one) Beneficial Use _____ Posted Notice _____ License _____ Permit #37-786
Decree 417298 11-15-1979
If applicable provide IDWR Water Right Number _____
Court _____ Case Number _____ Decree Date _____
Plaintiff vs Defendant _____

16. Signature (s)
(a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read, and understand the form entitled
"How you will receive notice in the Snake River Basin Adjudication." (b.) I/We do _____ do not _____
wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

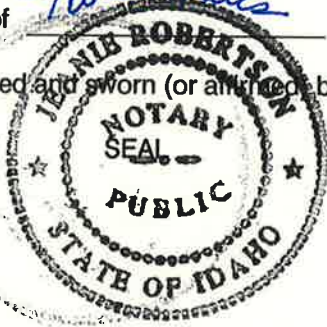
Number of attachments _____
For Individuals: I do solemnly swear or affirm that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true
and correct.
Signature of Claimant (s) James H. Graham Date 10-3-05
Shirley Ann Graham Date _____

For Organizations: I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am _____ Title _____
of _____, that I have signed the foregoing
Organization
document in the space below as _____ of _____
Title Organization
and that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Authorized Agent _____
Title and Organization _____ Date _____

State of Idaho/or _____)
County of Twin Falls) SS.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this 34 day of October 2005
Notary Public Janie Robertson
Residing at Twin Falls, Idaho
My Commission Expires 9-23-06
Please Print Name _____



17. Notice of Appearance:
Notice is hereby given that I, _____ will be acting as attorney at law on behalf
of the claimant signing above, and that all notices required by law to be mailed by the director to the claimant signing above
should be mailed to me at the address listed below.

Signature _____
Address _____
Date _____

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State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

322 East Front Street, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0098

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DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Governor

KARL J. DREHER
Director

November 1, 2005

JAMES W MECHAM
PO BOX 3119
TWIN FALLS ID 83301-3119

RE: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Notice of Claim to a Water Right #37-7861

Dear Mr. Mecham:

We have received the Notice of Claim to a Water Right referenced above.
Before we can process your claim, we need fees in the amount of \$158.29

Please contact me if you have any questions at 800/451-4129.

Sincerely,

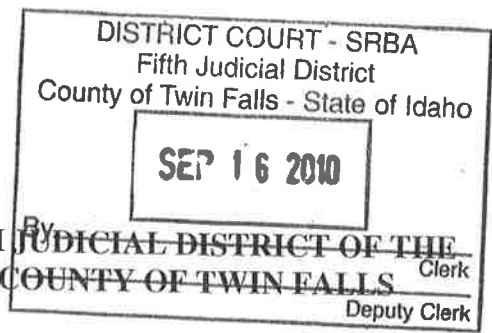
Carter L. Fritschle
Water Rights Supervisor
Adjudication Technical Section

CLF:ss:state

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re SRBA

Subcase No. 37-7861

Case No. 39576

NOTICE OF COMPLETED
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

IDWR has completed the following Administrative proceeding: **LICENSE ISSUED**

Name of Claimant: James W. Meacham

IDWR certifies that it has completed its investigation into the changes to the elements of the water rights listed above as set forth in the attached *Amended Director's Reports* for said water rights. No other changes have been made to the elements of these water rights except as set forth above.

IDWR has served copies of the *Notice of Completed Administrative Proceeding* and *Amended Director's Report(s)* on the claimant(s), prior claimant(s) and all parties in the subcases affected, if any, as reflected on the attached certificate of mailing.

Dated: 9/14/10


Signature of IDWR Representative

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on 9-16, 200¹⁰~~9~~, I mailed the original and copies of this form to the following persons, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

1. Original to:

Clerk of the District Court
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Avenue North
PO Box 2707
Twin Falls ID 83303-2707

2. Copies to:

Chief Natural Resources Division
Office of the Attorney General
PO Box 44449
Boise ID 83711-4449

United States Dept of Justice
Environment & Natural Resource Div
550 West Fort Street MSC 033
Boise ID 83724

James W. Meacham
PO Box 3119
Twin Falls ID 83303-3119



Signature of person or attorney mailing the form

08/02/2010

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RECOMMENDED WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

RIGHT NUMBER: 37-7861

NAME AND ADDRESS: JAMES W MECHAM
PO BOX 3119
428 MAIN AVE N
TWIN FALLS ID 83301-3119

SOURCE: STODDARD CREEK SPRING

TRIBUTARY: STODDARD CREEK

QUANTITY: 0.710 CFS
285.00 AFY

Rights 37-1244, 37-4389, and 37-7861 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 0.714 cfs.

PRIORITY DATE: 10/28/1980

The rights for the use of water confirmed in this license shall be junior and subordinate to all rights for the use of water other than hydropower, within the State of Idaho that are initiated later in time than the priority of this right and shall not give rise to any right or claim against any future rights for the use of water, other than hydropower, within the State of Idaho initiated later in time than the priority of this right.

POINT OF
DIVERSION:

T06S R13E S27 SENWNW Within GOODING County

PURPOSE AND
PERIOD OF USE:

PURPOSE OF USE

PERIOD OF USE

QUANTITY

POWER

03/15 11/01

0.710 CFS
285.00 AFY

PLACE OF USE:

POWER in GOODING County

T06S R13E S27 Lot 1 NWSW

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

The diversion and use of water for hydropower purposes under this license is subject to review by the Director on or after October 5, 2019. Upon appropriate findings relative to the interest of the public, the Director may cancel all or any part of the use authorized herein and may revise, delete or add conditions under which the right may be exercised.

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 - License

This right does not constitute Idaho Public Utilities Commission or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval that may be required.

The right holder shall maintain a measuring device of a type approved by the Department in a manner that will provide the watermaster suitable control of the diversion.

The issuance of this right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.

Prior to diversion of water under this right, the right holder shall install and maintain a measuring device and lockable controlling works of a type acceptable to the Department as part of the diverting works.



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September 16, 2010

C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Interim Director

JAMES W MEACHAM
PO BOX 3119
TWIN FALLS ID 83303-3119

RE: SRBA Claim(s) 37-7861

Dear Claimant:

Please find the enclosed copy of the Notice of Completed Administrative Proceeding, which the department has filed with the SRBA Court regarding the above referenced claims. You have received this notice pursuant to SRBA Court Administrative Order 11 requiring IDWR to report to the court and interested parties any pending changes to adjudication claims in basins for which a Director's Report has been filed with the court.

Please contact this office if you have any questions about the notice or the administrative process.

Sincerely,


Trish Fawcett
Technical Records Specialist

Enclosure

1. This right does not constitute Idaho Public Utilities Commission or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval that may be required.
2. The issuance of this right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.
3. The rights for the use of water confirmed in this license shall be junior and subordinate to all rights for the use of water other than hydropower, within the State of Idaho that are initiated later in time than the priority of this right and shall not give rise to any right or claim against any future rights for the use of water, other than hydropower, within the State of Idaho initiated later in time than the priority of this right.

State of Idaho
Department of Water Resources
Water Right License

WATER RIGHT NO. 37-07861

4. The diversion and use of water for hydropower purposes under this license is subject to review by the Director on or after October 5, 2019. Upon appropriate findings relative to the interest of the public, the Director may cancel all or any part of the use authorized herein and may revise, delete or add conditions under which the right may be exercised.
5. Rights 37-1244, 37-4389, and 37-7861 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 0.714 cfs.
6. The right holder shall maintain a measuring device of a type approved by the Department in a manner that will provide the watermaster suitable control of the diversion.

This license is issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 42-219, Idaho Code. The water right confirmed by this license is subject to all prior water rights and shall be used in accordance with Idaho law and applicable rules of the Department of Water Resources.

Signed and sealed this 8th day of December, 2009.


for GARY SPACKMAN
Interim Director



Idaho Department of Water Resources

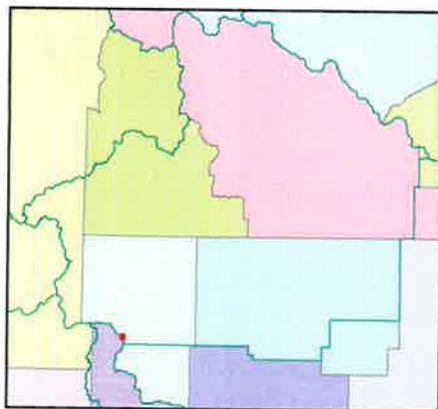
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37-7861

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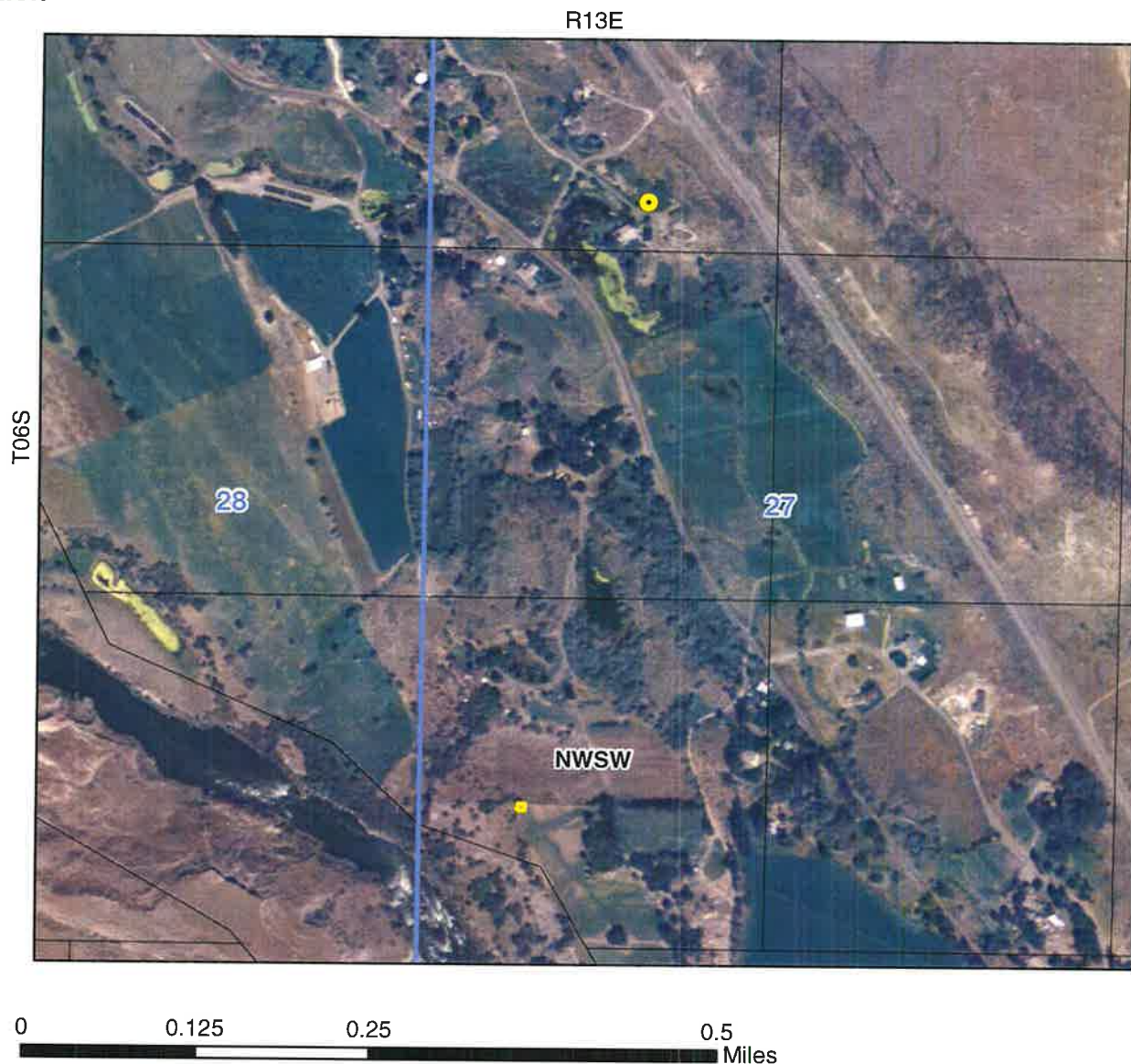
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-  Townships
-  PLS Sections
-  Quarter Quarters



**Gooding County
IDWR Basin 37**

Prepared by Trish Fawcett
On August 02, 2010
2004 Aerial Photography



12/19/2006

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T06S R13E S27 SENWNW Lot 1 Within GOODING County
T06S R13E S27 NWSW Lot 1 Within GOODING County

PURPOSE AND
PERIOD OF USE:

<u>PURPOSE OF USE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
RECREATION	03/15 11/15	0.714 CFS
	11/01 03/15	0.300 CFS
FISH PROPAGATION	03/15 11/01	0.714 CFS
	11/01 03/15	0.300 CFS
RECREATION STORAGE	01/01 12/31	1.00 AFY
POWER	03/15 11/01	0.714 CFS
	11/01 03/15	0.300 CFS

PLACE OF USE: POWER in GOODING County

T06S R13E S27 NWSW

RECREATION same as POWER

FISH PROPAGATION same as POWER

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

This right is conditioned upon completion of the appropriation in accordance with the statutory procedure for appropriation of water rights. This right remains subject to all conditions set forth in the permit upon which this right is based, and will be subject to all conditions set forth in the license issued by IDWR upon completion of the statutory appropriation process.

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 - Permit

12/19/2006

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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The right holder shall not assign or sell the permit without first securing the written approval of the Department of Water Resources.

Measuring devices of a type approved by the Department shall be permanently installed and maintained at the point of diversion and the point of effluent discharge.

The issuance of this right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another.

This right does not constitute Idaho Public Utilities Commission or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval that may be required.

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Phone: (208) 287-4800 FAX: (208) 287-6700 www.idwr.idaho.govDIRK KEMPTHORNE
GovernorKARL J. DREHER
Director

May 3, 2006

Jim Mecham
428 Main Ave N
Twin Falls, ID 83301

RE: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Claim Nos.: 37-1244, 37-4389 and 37-7861

Dear Mr. Mecham:

Your letter of March 10, 2006 to Director Dreher has been routed to me since I was the one that reviewed your SRBA Claim Nos. 37-1244 and 37-4389. I am pleased to hear that you are satisfied with the recommendations for those water rights.

Your letter also references three additional Water Right Nos., 37-7719, 37-7756 and 37-7861. If you remember our discussion from last year, the only one of these three water rights that required the filing of a claim in the SRBA was Right No. 37-7861. And, because that claim and the appropriate filing fees were received after the Basin 37 Part 1 Surface Water Director's Report had been filed with the SRBA Court, it was not reported with Claim Nos. 37-1244 and 37-4389. However, Claim No. 37-7861 will be reported in the Director's Report for Basin 37 Part 2 or Part 3 later this year. Staff at our Southern Region office in Twin Falls will review the claim and prepare the recommendation for the Director's Report.

Even though the other two water right numbers referenced in your letter do not require claims in the SRBA, you may still file claims for these water uses. However, you will need to decide if there will be any benefit to you in filing the claims and paying the claim filing fees. Permit No. 37-7719 will become a licensed water right, and Right No. 37-7756 was licensed in 1991. Filing claims for these water uses would not change any of the elements of the water rights, or make them "better" water rights.

If you have any questions regarding your SRBA claims, you may contact me by phone at (208) 287-4917 or by email at carter.fritschle@idwr.idaho.gov.

Carter Fritschle

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Carter Fritschle', written in dark ink.

Section Manager
Adjudication Bureau

KARL
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WATER RESOURCES

MARCH 10, 2006

RE: WATER RIGHTS 37-1244 & 37-4389
& YOUR LETTER OF NOV. 4, 2005

KARL J. DREHER, DIRECTOR
DEPT OF WATER RESOURCES
322 E. FRONT ST.
323 P.O. BOX 83720
BOISE, ID 83720-0098

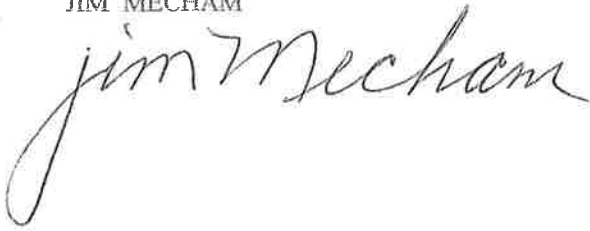
DEAR MR. DREHER:

I AM WRITING ONLY BECAUSE OF OUR MARCH 10 DEADLINE. YOU NEEDN'T READ IT NOW. JUST PUT IN MY FILE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE IF NEEDED.

THE WATER AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE ABOVE RIGHTS FOR IRRIGATION & STOCKWATER ARE SATISFACTORY BUT OUR OTHER USES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED FOR ADJUDICATION. THEY ARE LICENSE & CLAIMS #37-7756, 37-7861, & 37-7719.

THANK YOU,
WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU ARE DOING FOR IDAHO WATER USERS.

JIM MECHAM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "jim Mecham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "JIM MECHAM".

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