

## Bates, Luke

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**From:** Skip Yates <skipyates@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** Bates, Luke  
**Cc:** Tom Larson  
**Subject:** Re: Field visit

Luke

I have no problem reducing the area of use as long as we can use the water anywhere on the claims or on the 120 acre private parcel. If, for example, we reopen a tunnel and use the water for mining purposes- I want to be sure that the use is covered. It would still have to be trucked or somehow piped to the mine location.

Thanks again

Skip

On Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 9:20 AM Bates, Luke <[Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Sir,

Likewise, it was nice meeting with you and Tom a few days back.

Thank you for the photos, I will add these to the report; with regard to the Place of Use (POU) for the current permit, I may look at reducing the footprint down to the area around the immediate point of diversion. This is due to the water becoming "portable" in use after diversion, for use at individual drilling sites in other areas. The mining claims and property ownership enable you to do that, but the water use primarily is taken from the POD we observed during the field exam.

As an example, if a property owner has cattle that drink from a stock tank located within a 40 acre tract that was identified during the application as the place of use, IDWR would reduce the footprint for stockwater beneficial use to associate only around the tank. Stock still use the entire 40 acres throughout the year, but the tank stays relatively fixed in position.

I will recommend this type of Place of Use when developing the new application for permit. I will get that to you in the next couple of days once I get caught up on all my due outs.

v/r,

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Luke

It was great to meet you today. We really appreciate your field visit and your feedback. Tom and I discussed adding a new water right on the lower road and decided that is probably the best way to proceed.

I found a few photos for you during drilling operations for different years. You can see the portable yellow water tanks (these may be 500 gallons each) when we drilled at the mine tunnel where we first stopped today.

Please let me know if you need any further information. Thanks again for taking time to visit on such a smokey day. Hope you have a great meal and beer at Conflux.

Skip

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