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Governor

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February 25, 2021

BEE LINE WATER ASSN INC
PO BOX 676
BONNERS FERRY ID 83805

RE: Water Right Permit No. 98-7803

Dear Permit Holder(s):

The Department of Water Resources is reviewing the permit(s) referenced above prior to issuing water right license(s). By issuing a license, the Department confirms the extent of development that has been established in compliance with the terms of the permit.

The examiner who verified your water use reported that certain elements of the permit(s) have been developed differently than described on your permit(s). Changes that do not increase the authorized use of water under the permit(s) can be requested and approved in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-211. Before license(s) can be issued, your permit(s) must be amended to depict your water use as it was actually developed.

Based on the examiner's report, the following elements were developed differently than described on your permit(s):

 X Point(s) of Diversion – 2ea well locations were permit authorized in the SESW, Sec 1, Twp 62N, Rge 01E, B.M.; field exam GPS data shows the two wells located in the **NWSE & NESW** of Sec 1, Twp 62N, Rge 01E, B.M.

 Place(s) of Use

The enclosed Application for Amendment form(s) depicts the elements of the water right(s) as they will appear on the license(s) when issued. Please review the amendment form(s) carefully. If you concur with the information presented, please sign and return the form(s) with the filing fee of \$100.00 within fourteen (14) days.

If you have any questions, please call me at (208) 762-2817.

Sincerely,

Luke Bates
Water Resource Agent

Enclosure(s): Application for Amendment w/Map, Copy of Permit

cc: E-Doc to Mr. Robert Hansen

From: Marlaina Davy <Marlaina@ydacpa.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 10:47 AM
To: Ivan Wedel; Bates, Luke
Cc: Steven Gorton; Robert Hansen; Frederick, Adam
Subject: RE: Bee Line IDWR Permit#s 98-2133 & 98-7803 / Water Usage

Good Morning Luke,

We currently have 206 connections.

Thank You,

Marlaina Davy
Office Manager



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From: Ivan Wedel <ivan@bfbuilders.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Bates, Luke <Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>
Cc: Steven Gorton <directair@att.net>; Robert Hansen <wsmibob@aol.com>; Frederick, Adam <Adam.Frederick@idwr.idaho.gov>; Marlaina Davy <Marlaina@ydacpa.com>
Subject: Re: Bee Line IDWR Permit#s 98-2133 & 98-7803 / Water Usage

Luke,
I'm out of town till Tuesday next week. Someone will confirm your 2 questions & be back in touch shortly. Thx, Ivan...

From: Bates, Luke <Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:53:41 PM
To: Ivan Wedel
Cc: Steven Gorton; Robert Hansen; Frederick, Adam
Subject: RE: Bee Line IDWR Permit#s 98-2133 & 98-7803 / Water Usage

Good afternoon Ivan,

I've been in contact with our state office staff regarding this permit, and I do have a few final points of clarification I am requesting:

- 1) I have taken notes from my follow-up field exam last fall that state "203 service connections" for Bee Line's water system; is this still an accurate value?
- 2) Researching existing water rights, I note that right 98-7821 has 2ea groundwater wells associated with it. I believe when this right was gifted the PODs designated are the same two wells that current permit 98-7803

use. Additionally, right 98-19 has a single groundwater well POD as noted with it, and I believe this well was assigned as the "back-up" well located in the NW¼SE¼ of Section 1, 62N01E that is associated with the current permit. Having said, can you please validate that there are only 2 TOTAL wells in operation for BeeLine's water system? This data is essential for accuracy in finalizing my report.

In the next few days, I will be finalizing my field exam beneficial use report and making recommendations for licensing, but need answers to the two questions above in order to finish the report.

Thank you for your patience working with me in this process.

v/r,
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From: Ivan Wedel [<mailto:ivan@bfbuilders.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Bates, Luke <Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>
Cc: Steven Gorton <directair@att.net>
Subject: Bee Line IDWR Permit#s 98-2133 & 98-7803 / Water Usage

Luke,
Please see **attached & below "RED"** for requested info:
Sorry has taken so long to pull together the requested info. It appears many of the reports got lost during our Operator changes last year.
If you require some of the gaps filled may be able to see if DEQ has copies of old records. However I'm confident the numbers we have pulled together are fairly accurate to give a solid average.
Once you get into reports be happy to further explain any questions you may have.

Thanks much for patience, Ivan Wedel 208-290-3280 (Board Member)

IDWR is requesting the following information to facilitate licensing permit 98-7803

REQUESTED INFO REPLY:

1. **Annual volume reports from the surface source (Meadow Creek) Water Right No. 98-2133** for the last couple years – this will assist in developing overlapping conditions related to combined volume usage. They can be sent in an email as annual volume or broken down by month. **Per Attached Spreadsheet Average Month 1,801,650 for (27) Months reported.**
2. **Year 2019 and 2020 (up to now) volume reports for this Permit 98-7803.**
Per Attached Spreadsheet Average Month 394,508 for (13) Months reported. 37 Month Summary: Average Month 325,768.
3. **Answer to question:** is Bee Line supplying irrigation water from the wells (98-7803), or from Meadow Creek (98-2133) for tree farms/nursery operations or larger tract (>15 acres)? - this will assist in determining the overlap requirements for the two irrigation licensing Bee Line has (98-7819 & 98-7821).
Irrigation usage is supplied from both sources as we only have (1) reservoir that BOTH Surface & Well Water feed to. However, when peak Irrigation is occurring, Well Source picks up the slack to maintain reservoir level. AND, it generally is taking place mid-summer when well may be producing more gallons than surface water. If Surface Water Meadow Creek is taken off line for whatever reason, WELL then supplies 100%.

From: Bates, Luke [<mailto:Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:41 AM
To: Ivan Wedel <ivan@bfbuilders.com>
Subject: RE: Bee Line IDWR P#: 98-7803 / Water Usage

Thank you for the update Ivan,
I will dive into the data once I get it, I've gotten down to a few more difficult permits to license and will be focused on this one once the data is received.
Enjoy the weekend,

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From: Ivan Wedel [<mailto:ivan@bfbuilders.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Bates, Luke <Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>
Cc: Robert Hansen <wsmibob@aol.com>; Steven Gorton <directair@att.net>
Subject: Bee Line IDWR P#: 98-7803 / Water Usage

Luke,
Just about have it together, waiting for 1 more set of reports. Will send everything by Friday AM.
Thanks, Ivan...

From: Bates, Luke [<mailto:Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:51 AM
To: Ivan Wedel <ivan@bfbuilders.com>; Steven Gorton <directair@att.net>
Cc: Robert Hansen <wsmibob@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Bee Line 98-7803

Ivan,
Good deal, thanks for the update.
I will keep an eye out.
Enjoy the day, Luke

From: Ivan Wedel [<mailto:ivan@bfbuilders.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Bates, Luke <Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>; Steven Gorton <directair@att.net>
Cc: Robert Hansen <wsmibob@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Bee Line 98-7803

Yes, we recently found some reports and are currently sorting thru. Should have something to you later this week or early next.
Thanks, Ivan... 208-290-3280.

From: Bates, Luke [<mailto:Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Steven Gorton <directair@att.net>; Ivan Wedel <ivan@bfbuilders.com>
Cc: Robert Hansen <wsmibob@aol.com>
Subject: FW: Bee Line 98-7803

Good morning Gentlemen,

I wanted to reach out and inquire if there has been any movement on the request for information listed below. Adam asked me where I was in the licensing process this morning; I am in my final reporting and just need to understand overlap between existing water rights and this permit with regard to volume usage. The information requested below serves as a function to extrapolate the relationships between rights.

Please do let me know if there is anything I can do to assist in this process.

v/r,
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From: Bates, Luke
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 7:26 AM
To: 'Steven Gorton' <directair@att.net>; 'Ivan Wedel' <ivan@bfbuilders.com>
Cc: Hansen, Bob (Water System Management Inc.) (Wsmibob@aol.com) <Wsmibob@aol.com>
Subject: Bee Line 98-7803

Good morning gentlemen,

I floated my report review to my supervisor in preparation for licensing, and feedback was returned requesting additional information.

IDWR is requesting the following information to facilitate licensing permit 98-7803

1. annual volume reports from the surface source (Meadow Creek) right No. 98-2133 for the last couple years – this will assist in developing overlapping conditions related to combined volume usage. They can be sent in an email as annual volume or broken down by month.
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3. Answer to question: is Bee Line supplying irrigation water from the wells (98-7803), or from Meadow Creek (98-2133) for tree farms/nursery operations or larger tract (>15 acres)? - this will assist in determining the overlap requirements for the two irrigation licensing Bee Line has (98-7819 & 98-7821)

I understand the frustration that is likely evolving regarding the finalization of this permit for licensing. Every time I think I have it cornered for final review, I get it kicked back for more information requirements. I ensure you all I am remaining diligent in getting it pushed through.

Thank you all,
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From: Robert Hansen <wsmibob@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Bates, Luke
Cc: ivan@bfbuilder.com; directair@att.net; klaus.engr@hotmail.com; stevekauffman75@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 98-7803

Luke,

I apologize for taking this long in getting back to you. I have been reaching out to the Board and others involved with this system over the years and have been unable to find additional flow data information that might be of help.

As you are probably already aware the main source of water for the Bee Line Public Drinking Water System is Meadow Creek. The well (98-7803) is always available and is brought on line regularly in an effort to keep the water in the distribution system from stagnating. Additionally, the well is used regularly during the high use summer period and when flows in the creek diminish. The well should have a large enough Water Right to support the entire demand on the system during peak periods when the creek flows are diminished or when the creek source is not available.

Under the circumstances, it might be best to increase the existing calculated demand you have listed below of 15.1 af by an estimated population growth rate of ? for the period of 2014 through 2020.

Thank you for all of your efforts in getting this Water Right finalized.

Have a good week -

Bob Hansen
Water Systems Management
208-265-4270

-----Original Message-----

From: Bates, Luke <Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>
To: Robert Hansen <wsmibob@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 7:53 am
Subject: 98-7803

Good morning Mr. Hansen.

Regarding the Bee Line water permit, you have provided me volume data for year 2014 (complete year), and 2013 / 2015 (incomplete year data). Are there full year data for any of the years 2016-2019?

I would like to license this, but am currently sitting with a derived volume of 15.1 af, using the 2014 year volume data. I was hoping to get a few more full year usage to validate this is an accurate assessment before licensing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,

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