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Subject:	Application for Transfer 84367 - Revised Point of Diversion
Attachments:	Old Diversion Structure.jpg; Application for Transfer 84367.pdf

Rob,

I wanted to provide you an update on Application 84367 filed by Chris Bromley on behalf of Bruce and Glenda McConnell. When I entered the application into the Department's database and created a map shape for the proposed point of diversion, I relied on a map prepared by Cindy Yenter earlier this summer. You and Chris both have a copy of that map.

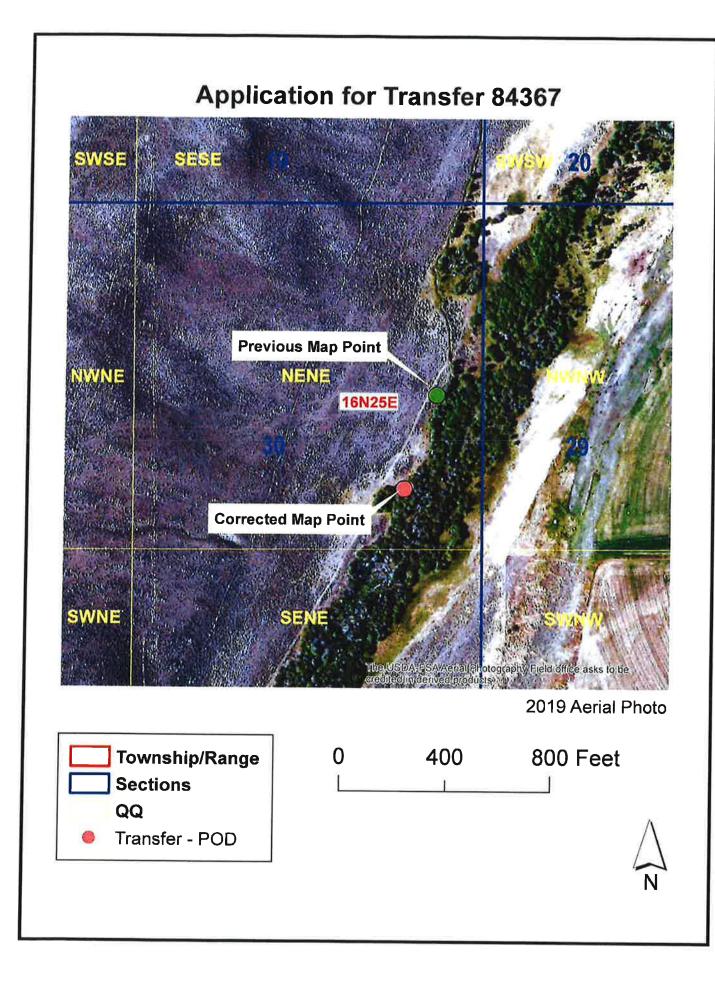
On Wednesday, Jordan Whittaker contacted me to discuss Application 84367. He said that earlier that morning, he went out to verify the location of McConnell's diversion. Jordan found that the actual point of diversion is located approximately 400 feet south of the red dot on Cindy's map. I spoke with Cindy yesterday. She confirmed that the red dot on her map (labeled "McConnell Actual Upper POD") was an approximate location. On August 3rd, Cindy collected a GPS point near the McConnell headgate. Cindy's GPS location is in the same area as the location identified by Jordan. On Google Earth, in the 2013 aerial photo, you can see an old wooden headgate structure near the willows at 44 Deg 41' 30.5" N, 113 Deg 31' 13" W. Both Jordan and Cindy said that this old headgate structure was lying on the ground near the point of diversion. Attached is a photo of the old headgate structure that Cindy took during the summer. The coordinates on the photo match the google earth coordinates described above.

The incorrect map shape was my fault. I mistakenly assumed that the red dot on Cindy's map was based on a GPS location. I should have checked with Cindy when I was entering the transfer into the water right database. The location of the proposed point of diversion has been updated in the Department's transfer database as shown on the attached map. During my conversation with Jordan, he said that he has no problem with Application 84367 being processed, if the point of diversion is identified correctly. I will proceed with the final review of Application 84367 next week.

I know there are unresolved issues related to Stroud Creek and the administration of water rights in Water District 74Z. These issues could be raised in a protest against an application to add McConnell's lower (currently unauthorized) point of diversion to the McConnell water rights. Jordan suggested that someone should organize an onsite meeting with McConnell, Whittaker, their attorneys, the Department, and the watermaster to look at the delivery structures and discuss practical solutions. I think Jordan's proposed meeting would be good, and I am happy to participate in such a meeting.

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