

MEMORANDUM

To: File 37-07842

FROM: Sharla

DATE: October 7, 1999

RE: Recharge Project(s)

As I initially reviewed these two files and the examiner's field report, I was confused as to the groundwater recharge taking place under 37-07842 from either of the permitted sources, the Little Wood River or the Big Wood River. The recharge under 01-07054 from the Snake River through the Milner-Gooding Canal could be confirmed and a license for that right has been prepared for signature.

When I spoke with Lee Peterson (watermaster of Water District 37 and 37-M) regarding the capacity of the Dietrich Canal, he told me where he believed recharge had occurred from that canal. I then spoke with Dan McFaddan of the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District (see his letter to Clarence Parr dated 12/30/98) and he told me that what Lee had described was actually "flood control" that occurred several years ago. He went on to say that no groundwater recharge has ever taken place via the Dietrich Canal.

I have spoken with Paul Castelin of the Technical Services Bureau. He also knows of no recharge from the Little Wood or Big Wood Rivers to date. Recharge projects that are in the planning/development stages are as listed in Paul's and Hal Anderson's memos contained in file 01-07054.

Based on the information above, this permit (in whole, there is no reason to split into parts A & B because there has been no beneficial use to date) should be routed for Glen Saxton for extension/reinstatement processing.

PETITIONER'S
EXHIBIT 204