

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Rights File 37-8220 and 37-8686
FROM: Sandra Thiel
DATE: May 14, 2018
SUBJECT: Petition for Reconsideration Water Right Permits 37-8220 and 37-8686

On May 8, 2018, the Department received a Petition for Reconsideration from the Bureau of Land Management. Both water right licenses 37-8220 and 37-8686 include quarter quarter T3N R18E Section 17 SWNE. According to both Petitions the BLM owns the entire SWNE quarter quarter. In the Petition addressing 37-8220, the BLM states the applicant is not authorized for domestic or fire protection use on federal land. In the Petition for 37-8686 the BLM states the applicant is not authorized for domestic, fire protection and irrigation on federal land.

Research found discrepancies between the Blaine County parcel data and the BLM's Geographic Coordinate Data Base or GCDB. The Idaho Department of Water Resources relies on the GCDBs to describe the place of use and point of diversion for water rights. The Blaine County parcel description does not define the Heatherland's parcels as falling within the SWNE quarter quarter (see attachment showing Sundance Subdivision plat). Both licenses should exclude the place of use in T3N R18E Section 17 SWNE.

Right 37-8686 was amended to include SWNE quarter quarter. Based on the new information the amendment is no longer correct.