

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 1, 2017
To: Water Right 37-4061 File
From: William Mills
Re: POD Site Visit Re: Possible WSB Lease

On 11/28/2017 I met with Rusty Kramer, Watermaster for Water District 37B, Walt Poole and Terry Gregory of Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) to look at the main point of diversion for Camas Creek water right 37-4061(17.34 cfs) and discuss how to manage the water right in a way that would allow IDFG to lease the water right to the water supply bank without actually installing controlling works and measuring devices at the points of diversion (PODs).

On 3/7/2016 an application(s) to lease water right 37-4061 and 37-2694 was submitted to IDWR, but was returned to the applicant(s) because a third water right (37-7286) with overlapping acres was not included in the application package.

The four of us walked out through the marsh to the location where a ditch diverts water from Camas Creek to the upper portion of the place of use (POU). This North POD is located in the NENESE of Sec 1, Twp 02S, Rge 11E:



Figure 1: Beaver Dam at Head of Ditch



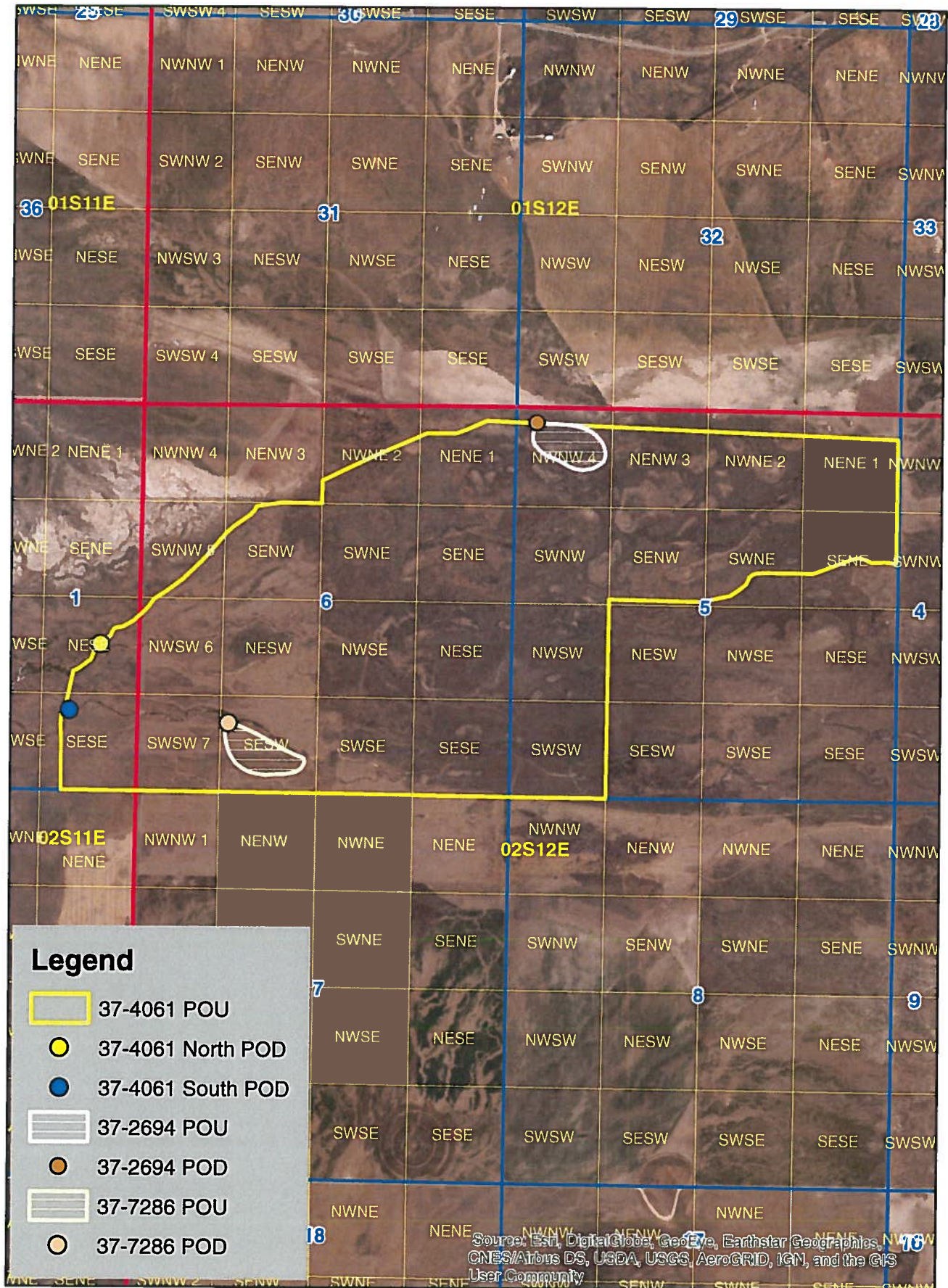
Figure 2: Flow in Ditch Just Below Beaver Dam
(Flowing NW, which is towards top left of photo)

Besides the small beaver dam at the head of the ditch (Figure 1) there currently are no controlling works present to prevent water from flowing down the ditch. Mr. Gregory and Mr. Poole suggested bringing in a load of rock and dirt to block the head of the ditch to completely obstruct water from flowing into the ditch from Camas Creek. For purposes of leasing this right to the water supply bank, that would prevent the diversion of water from Camas Creek and therefore would likely be sufficient. When the South POD located in the NWSESE of Sec 1, Twp 02S, Rge 11E was brought up, the gentlemen from IDFG indicated that they had no previous knowledge of the second diversion. They also indicated that it would be next summer (2018) before they could actually get out to the site and inspect it due to high water in the marsh from recent rains. I showed them an aerial photography close-up of the South POD site where there appears to be a dry channel that may be a ditch just south of the recorded POD, but it may also be part of the braided stream channel. We discussed the possibility of relinquishing the South POD if it was determined to be a stream channel without any controlling works. However if upon inspection, it was determined to be a ditch with no controlling works, they could obstruct the head of the ditch in the same manner as discussed for the North POD. Mr. Gregory indicated he would need to visit the South POD prior to making a determination as to how to proceed at that location. We also discussed the possibility that a stream alteration permit might be required to work on the South POD.

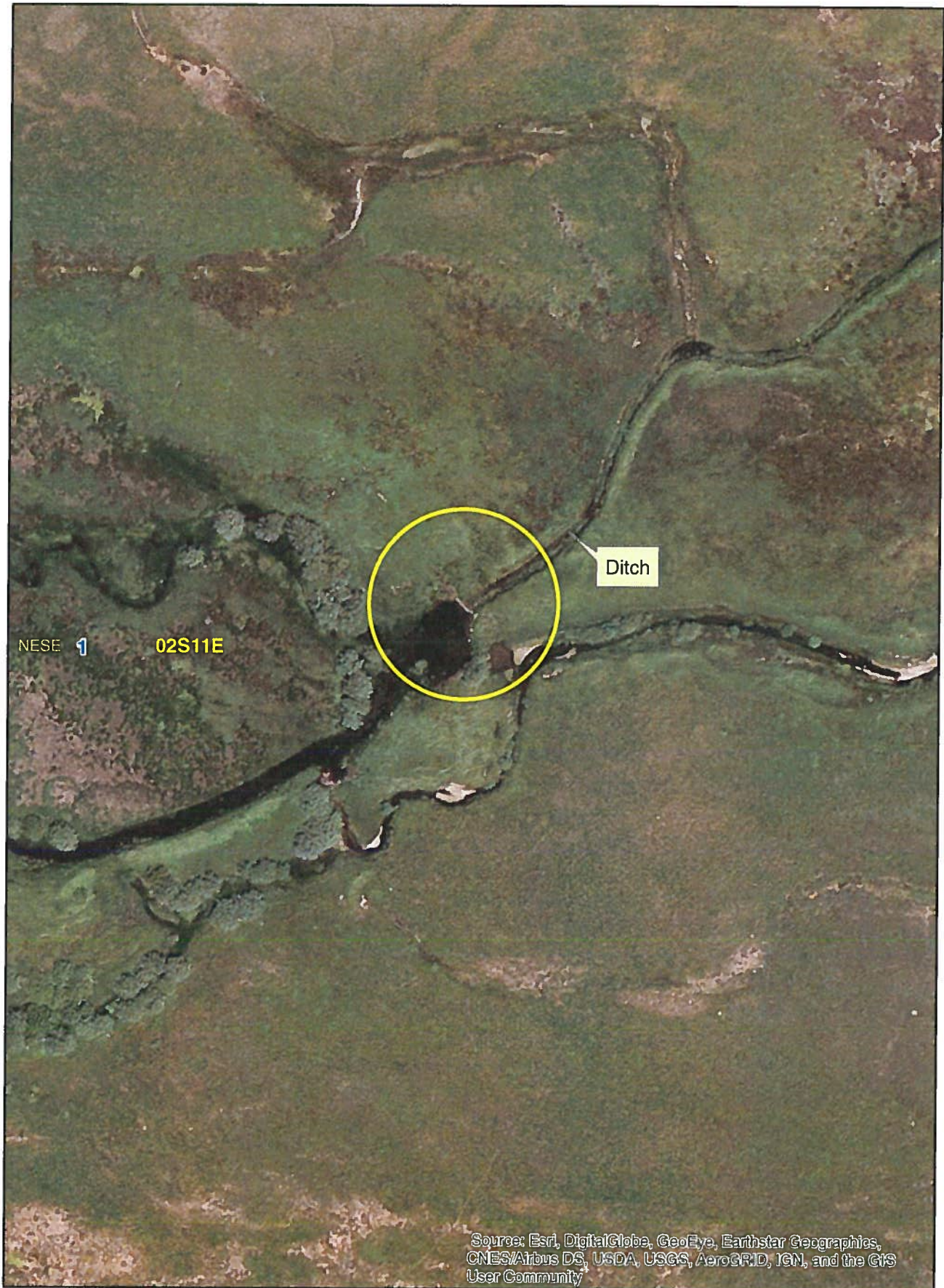
In conclusion, at this time IDFG has no intention of diverting the water for irrigation, however there currently are no controlling works at the head of the ditch on the North POD to prevent the creek from flowing into the ditch. IDFG intends to fill in the head of the ditch at the North POD to prevent any creek water from entering the ditch. As for the South POD, how to proceed, or if water could actually be diverted there still needs to be determined.

After the issues with the POD's are addressed and water is no longer being diverted from the creek into a ditch, then IDFG could submit an application to lease the water right to the water supply bank along with the two ground water rights with overlapping POUs (37-2694, 37-7286).

37-4061 Place of Use



Northern Diversion



Southern Diversion

