

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Right File 78-7380
FROM: Patrick Kelly
DATE: 7/25/16
SUBJECT: Field Exam Review

Permit 78-7380 was issued for a 20.0 af fire protection and wildlife storage beneficial use. The on stream storage is on an unnamed stream tributary to Thrush Creek. The field exam was conducted on June 23, 2014 by Rick Collingwood of IDWR and was accompanied by Bill Fairfield. My review of the exam and recommendations are as follows:

Ownership of the permit names Johnson Roehler Trust as current owner. This group has since dissolved and appears to have been sold or renamed to Whitney Ranch Lot Owners Association. Efforts to acquire an assignment of permit have failed. The license will be issued in the Johnson Roehler Trust until proper conveyance documents can be produced.

The POD is an on stream storage in an unnamed stream tributary to Thrush Creek within the NWSW QQ. Overlap review found no other water rights associated with the pond and no amendments required.

POU overlap finds no other storage rights associated with the pond in the NWSW QQ. Permits 78-7377 and 78-7379 are being licensed concurrently with this permit. There are no standard limits associated with Fire Protection from Storage to place limits on. No amendments for POU change are required.

A waiver request was sent by Rick to watermaster 78A to relieve requirements to construct measuring devices to record ins and outs of the pond. This waiver was secured June 22, 2015. The condition will be modified to require such devices to be installed should the watermaster deem necessary in the future.

Volume of the pond was recommended by multiplying surface area by average depth. Considerations for seepage and evaporation were not considered in the field exam report. Attached shows a total diversion of 5.7 af. Since the permit was issued for 20 af, the new recommendation is within the limits of the permit.

Seepage Loss Calculations

This spreadsheet has been designed by Idaho Department of Water Resources to estimate the total annual seepage losses from a pond.

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User Input
Calculated value
Formula Explanations

INPUTS

Pond Surface Area (AC.)	0.25	AC.
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Pond Surface Area (SQ. FT.)	10890	SQ. FT.
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My Soil Classification is	GC-GM	
Suggested Seepage Rate (FT./DAY)	0.2000	FT./DAY

Formula: (Surface Area X Seepage Rate) X 7.48 = Gallons Per Day Loss
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Convert to GPD	16291	GPD
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Total Seepage Loss (4/1 to 6/30)	4.5	AP
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Though sand and gravel seepage rates may actually be higher, the maximum allowable rate is 0.2 ft/day, pursuant to Administrative Memo "Seepage Loss Standards for Ponds and Reservoirs."

Suggested Seepage Rates for Different Soil Types:

GW, GP, GM, GC, SW, SP and SM (silty sand, sand silt mixtures and gravel mixtures) = 0.2 ft per day

OL and ML (inorganic silts - very fine sands, silty, or clayey fine sands) = 0.02 ft per day

SC (clayey sands, sand clay mixtures) = 0.007 ft per day

CL (Low to medium plasticity clays) = 0.003 ft per day

MH, OH, PT and CH (high plasticity clays) = 0.0003 ft per day

LINED PONDS (liners can be chemical, fabric, or bentonite) = 0 ft per day

Ponds Intercepting Groundwater (excavated ponds filled by ground water) = 0 ft per day

PLEASE NOTE: The initial basis for the Suggested Seepage Rates in the table above is found on Page 16 of Seepage from Fish Ponds, Bulletin 599, August 1989 Alabama Agricultural experiment Station, Auburn University, Auburn University Alabama. If you don't know the soil type, please refer to the map provided at <X:\Spatial\Soils\USCS\PondSoils.lyr>. Use "0" if the pond fill relies on the water table.

Evaporation Loss Calculations

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The acronyms used on the Kimberly Research Center website are defined below:
P = Precipitation
ET = Evapotranspiration
P _d = Precipitation deficit
P _d = ET - P

USING THIS SPREADSHEET

Use the link below to access the Kimberly Research Center website. This website provides the Precipitation Deficit for a station most representative of the pond under examination. The Precipitation Deficit is the total amount of free water surface evaporation minus the precipitation for a given area, which gives the total amount of evaporative losses incurred by the pond. There are several weather sites that are used throughout the state. IDWR staff can find the nearest site using Arc Map. The shape file containing the sites can be found at <X:/Spatial/Climate/ETIdahostations.shp>.

Instructions:

1. Use the link below to navigate to ET Idaho 2012.
2. Select the station which is most representative to your pond location.
3. Click Submit Query.
4. Under "Land Covers with Evapotranspiration Estimates," select "Open Water - Shallow Systems (ponds, streams)" or "Open Water - small stock ponds" depending on the pond size.
5. Click the link to "Precipitation Deficit."
6. Reference and copy (ctrl + C) the first subheading "Mean" values.
7. Click the "Paste Values from ET Idaho" button. The table will automatically enter a zero (0) for any negative precipitation deficit values.

Found at: <http://data.kimberly.uidaho.edu/ETIdaho/>

Precipitation Deficit

Station: New Meadows Ranger Stn (NWS - 106388)

Month	mm/day ¹	Days per month	mm/Month
Jan	-2.62	31	0.00
Feb	-1.19	28	0.00
March	-0.43	31	0.00
April	0.67	30	20.10
May	1.68	31	52.08
June	2.21	30	66.30
July	3.96	31	122.76
August	3.26	31	101.06
September	1.85	30	55.50
October	0.38	31	11.78
November	-1.55	30	0.00
December	-2.26	31	0.00

PLEASE NOTE: The seasonal average for precipitation deficit should not be used for calculations because precipitation often exceeds evaporation during wetter months of the year. If the pond is kept full, excess precipitation during wetter months does not serve to refill the pond during drier months.

For example, see Sandpoint KSPT (NWS - 108137), the annual precipitation deficit is -106 mm. However, April through September have positive precipitation deficit values. To properly estimate the annual volume of water necessary to refill a pond due to evaporation losses, the table will automatically enter a zero (0) for each month that the precipitation value is reported as a negative value.

As described above, precipitation offsets evaporation in winter months, so the net effect is that wintertime precipitation deficit is usually zero.

Total mm/year = 429.58

$$[(429.58 \text{ mm/yr}) \div (304.8 \text{ mm/ft})] \times (0.25 \text{ acres}) = 0.4 \text{ AFA}$$

Total Storage Calculations

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This spreadsheet has been designed by Idaho Department of Water Resources to estimate the total seepage, evaporation and fill capacity required for a pond.

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Surface Area (AC.)	0.25	"Surface Area" is automatically carried over from the "Seepage Loss" sheet.
Average Pond Depth (FT.)	3	"Average Pond Depth" depicts the actual depth of the pond either measured or estimated. Note: If you know the maximum depth and not the average depth, the Field Examiner's Handbook suggests multiplying the maximum depth by 0.4 to get the average depth, or you can use any method that seems reasonable to attain average depth.
Pond Capacity (AF)	0.75	Pond Capacity is calculated by multiplying the Pond Surface Area by the Average Pond Depth. If you know the capacity, divide the capacity by surface area and enter the average pond depth in the space above. Note: If pond capacity is determined using a method shown on the "Pond Capacity" sheet, the user may need to modify the value of "Pond Capacity" (cell B9) manually. Note that if the value is modified manually, the formula will be altered for future use.
Multiple Fill Volume Above Initial Fill to Fulfill From Storage Needs- "Multiple Fills" (AF)	0	The "Multiple Fill Volume Above Initial Fill" is the acre-feet of water required to meet a <i>from storage</i> component if the <i>from storage</i> component exceeds a one time fill. This section should not include the amount of water needed to fill the pond initially or the amount of water needed to maintain the pond level due to evaporation or seepage. For example: if a pond has a capacity of 5 acre feet and 2.5 acre feet of seepage and evaporation, but the pond is used for irrigation that requires 10 acre feet of from storage for the irrigation use, then you would insert 5 acre feet into this location (10 acre feet needed - 5 acre feet from the initial fill = 5 acre feet of additional storage needed). Note: You must have a " <u>From Storage</u> " component exceeding the initial fill on the permit to include a volume in this space.
Estimated Seepage Loss (AF)	4.5	The "Estimated Seepage Loss" is automatically carried over from the "Seepage Loss" sheet.
Estimated Evaporation Loss (AF)	0.4	The "Estimated Evaporation Loss" is automatically carried over from the "Evaporation Loss" sheet.
Total Volume Required (AF)	5.7	The "Total Volume Required" is calculated by adding the Pond Capacity, Multiple Fills, Seepage Loss, and Evaporation Loss amounts to determine the total amount of storage required.