

## Keen, Shelley

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**From:** Keen, Shelley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:24 AM  
**To:** 'John Gravelle'  
**Cc:** Neace, Thomas  
**Subject:** RE: Well Permits

John,

Thank you for the sending the proof form for Permit 86-11924. Once it is received and acknowledged, the next step will be for IDWR to schedule an examination to confirm beneficial use. The examiner will likely come from the Coeur d'Alene office. The examination could be this year, or even next year, depending on workload.

As for the new water right application, normally IDWR would not issue a drilling permit until the water right permit has been issued. In this instance, I think IDWR would prefer that you submit the water right application and make sure a permit can be issued before you go to the expense of drilling the new wells. In item 6(e) or item 11 on the application form, you can list the existing drilling permit numbers and explain your unique situation.

The quantity of water requested in an application is usually based on the amount needed for the proposed beneficial use of water. For example, the limit for irrigation is 0.03 cfs per acre for 1 to 5 acres and 0.02 cfs per acre for more than five acres. If the wells produce more than permitted, the water right will be limited to the permitted amount. If the wells produce less than the permitted amount, the water right will be limited to the amount actually diverted and used. Practically speaking, once the wells are drilled, IDWR will expect you to size your pumps and flow controls such that the permitted diversion rate is not exceeded.

The application fee is for the amount requested from the proposed source. If the new application is only for ground water, the fee is based on the ground water use.

Please send the application to IDWR's Northern Region office in Coeur d'Alene.

Please call or email if you have additional questions.

Regards,

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**From:** John Gravelle [<mailto:jag@pineorchard.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:33 AM  
**To:** Neace, Thomas; Keen, Shelley  
**Subject:** Re: Well Permits

Tom and Shelley,

A proof of beneficial use form for the surface water portion developed for permit 86-11924 was mailed overnight yesterday, and you should receive the completed form and check today.

Thank you for extending the irrigation well permits to 8/19/2015, it is much appreciated.

As to the new application for the ground water portion, I have a couple questions.

1) The application has a place in section 6(e) to list wells already drilled or with permit numbers assigned. In a situation like we have, where we will get the well permits utilized in the near future, would you prefer that I send an application in before the wells are drilled or after? I can see the benefit of actually knowing the gpm from the wells to help finalize design for actual location of irrigation acres, but I'm not sure if you would rather see those adjustments, if needed, in an Application to Amend Permit form.

2) Since I don't know the gpm yields from the wells yet, I'm not sure they will exceed 0.20 cfs. I don't expect them to, but is the application fee schedule only based on this ground water project, or is it based on combination with all other uses (86-12002 and 86-11924)?

3) Do you prefer the application be sent to the regional office (Coeur d'Alene) or directly to your office?

Thanks for your help,

John

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Neace, Thomas" <[Thomas.Neace@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:Thomas.Neace@idwr.idaho.gov)>

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Date: 03/20/15 15:26

Subject: Well Permits

Dear Mr. Gravelle:

Shelley Keen forwarded your email to me regarding the three irrigation well permits that you currently have with Well Tag Numbers D0067811, D0067812 and D0067813. Those permits were issued on 8/20/2014. The permit specifies that drilling must start within 60 days of issuing the permit. However, based on the circumstances we will extend the start date on the permits so that you can utilize the same permits with no additional fee. The permit is good until 8/19/2015.

Tom Neace, P.G.

Manager, Ground Water Protection Section