

**WOOD DUCK ISLAND
WILDLIFE & AESTHETIC USES FROM BOISE RIVER**



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This summary provided to Boise River Watermaster Rex Barrie based on questions he had about priority cuts at Wood Duck Island.

Riverview Ventures made 3 water right filings in early 1990s for wildlife/aesthetic uses at Wood Duck Island that was being developed then.

Apparently potable water and lawn etc. irrigation is from United Water.

LOCATION

Along Boise Avenue between Ridenbaugh Canal & Boise River, just downstream from Barber Park, T3N R3E S30, mostly in NW ¼. Bubb ("Gallagher?") Canal originates downstream from the Ridenbaugh Canal about halfway through the subdivision along subdivision north boundary.

#1 -- Transfer 4286 Deliverable when in priority

Approved 2/15/1994 for wildlife & aesthetic uses from **Boise River** only in irrigation season when water is being diverted for irrigation from Ridenbaugh Canal, mostly by Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District.

2 rights from the "Bahler account" not held by NMID but delivered via Ridenbaugh Canal:

- 63-278, 0.80 cfs, 1865 priority
- 63-279B, 0.32 cfs, 1870 priority

Does not appear to include any pond(s) but maybe could under 24-hr fill idea.

Requires lock & measuring device where water withdrawn from that canal.

#2 -- Permit 63-11923 Lapsed 1998, cannot be diverted

Was approved for Boise River, additional 5 cfs aesthetic use all year, presumed non-consumptive flow through.

Data & scanned documents not available but found on microfilm.

From Ridenbaugh Canal & Bubb Canal.

#3 -- Permit 63-11924 Lapsed 1996, cannot be diverted

Filed as shallow ground water ("dug 16 ft. well"), approved as pond tributary to the river, additional 3 cfs aesthetic all year, presumed non-consumptive flow through.

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CONCLUSION

Boise River water for wildlife & aesthetic uses can be delivered to the subdivision under Rights 63-278 & 63-279B but only during times of active irrigation from the Ridenbaugh Canal. Takeout point from that canal must include a lock and measuring device for watermaster control.

Those rights apparently do not include a pond(s) but conceivably could if a pond(s) could be filled to capacity in about 24 hours.

Water cannot be diverted from the Bubb Canal for non-irrigation uses in the subdivision.

Water cannot be diverted from a pond or shallow ground water or any other source for non-irrigation uses in the subdivision.