

ATTN: Reviewers of
WSB applications
for these rights

MEMO

TO: 95-2112 and 95-2200

FROM: Cherie Palmer

DATE: February 11, 2014

RE: WSB Lease Applications after 2014

The lease application that was submitted in connection with water rights 95-2112 and 95-2200 requested that the rental fee be \$500 per acre. In addition the applicant states that “only entire right may be rented.”

This language was accepted onto the lease in past years because of the low probability of renting out the water rights due to location—a rental application for groundwater has never been received from northern Idaho.

Although we allowed that language to be added to the leases in the past, from this point forward we will require more information. In line with WSB Rule 02.06.d we want to satisfy the question, is the requested rental rate reasonable.

In addition, we should refrain from adding language to any lease that states that “only the entire right may be rented.” That requirement should be at the discretion of the Department, not the applicant.