
MEMORANDUM

TO: T78376 FILE, ALLEN MERRITT
FROM: JEFF COOPER
SUBJECT: ROCK CREEK IRRIGATION CONCERN
DATE: 5/13/2013

Allen Merritt received a visit from Jaylene Williams the week of May 6, 2013, regarding the continued irrigation of property that was subject to a notice of violation (NOV) in 2012 and also the subject of transfer application T78376. The NOV stems from the irrigation of property located in the Rock Creek Canyon, on a field adjacent to the applicant's house. The pending application proposes to dry up acres from Rock Creek irrigation rights, downstream of the NOV, to cover the use adjacent to the house. Mrs. Williams alleged that the applicant had continued to irrigate the property subject to the NOV as well as the proposed dry-up acres downstream. On May 10, 2013, Jim Bitzenburg and I visited both locations to determine what was currently being irrigated. From our field inspection, it was determined that irrigation was ongoing at the NOV location (figure 1), but had been discontinued at the proposed dry-up location (figure 2). Based on our field observations, it did not appear that any irrigation had occurred recently at the dry-up location.



Figure 1. Aerial photo of the proposed place of use (POU) for the transferred rights and photograph from the May 10, 2013 field inspection showing active irrigation. This location does have existing rights, though currently insufficient to cover all the irrigated acres.

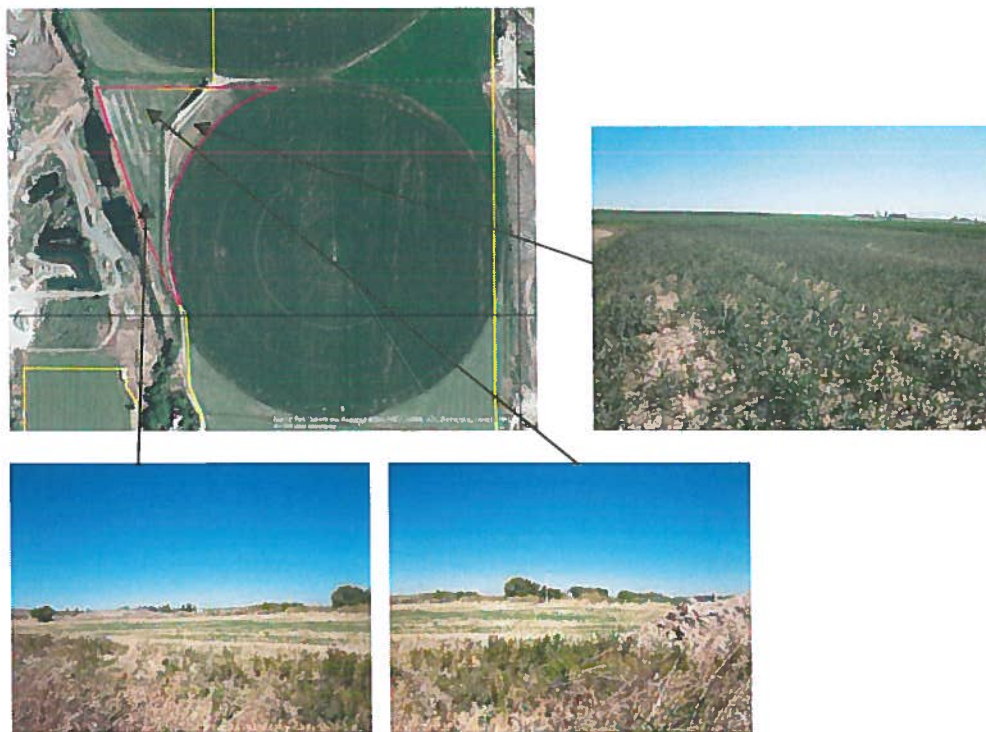


Figure 2. Aerial photo of proposed dry-up area and photographs from the May 10, 2013 field inspection. Area does not show signs of recent irrigation.