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RE: 63-33374 PERMIT SUBJECT TO LICENSING

I am reviewing a group of permits split from the original permit owned by Greg Johnson. As the original property was developed prior to being split I would like to conduct the field verification for all four permits at the same time. As the original point of diversion (POD) is still associated with all permits much of the information to resolve one permit will also be applicable to the remaining permits. There is some indication that each split will eventually be associated with a new well. However as the system was developed from a single well, the ultimate licenses will reflect the original well and a transfer will be required for each new well.

The aerial photo clip to the right shows the original permit place of use (POU) as currently split. For each individual I am attaching a closer view of the respective POU associated with each split.

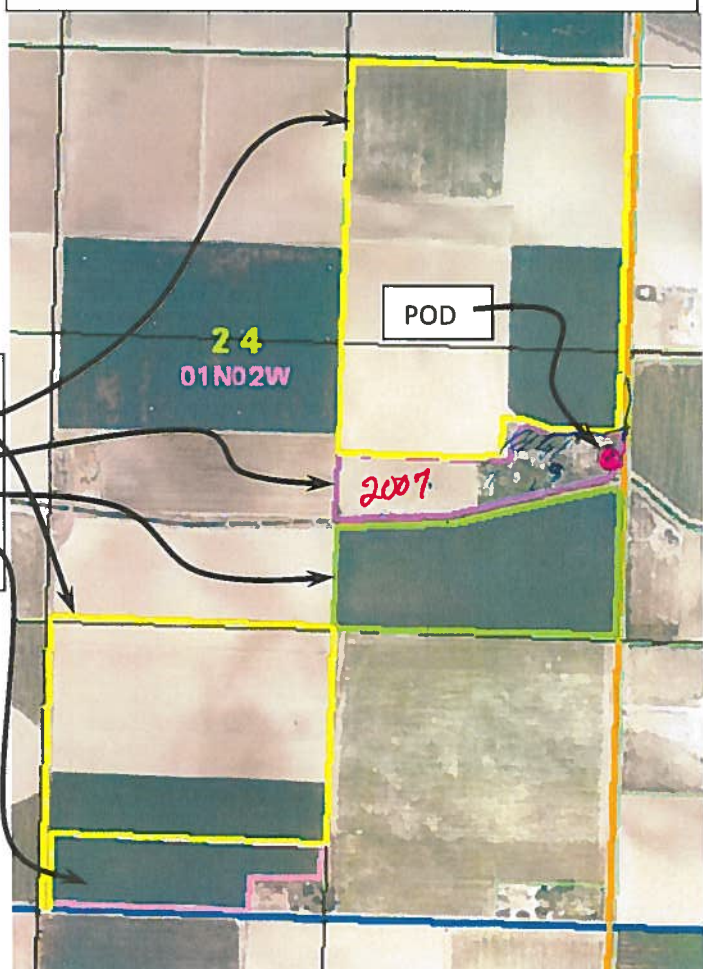
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### Permit splits

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|----------|----------------|
| 63-11702 | J Line LP      |
| 63-33374 | Richard Fraser |
| 63-33375 | Tom White      |
| 63-33373 | Peter Holm     |

Twp 01N, Rng 02W, Sec 24

2011 aerial photo



In reviewing the currently available information it appears that the original well was capable of delivering over one inch per acre for the original permitted POU. However, when proof of beneficial use was

submitted the fees paid limits the maximum recognizable diversion rate to 2.00 cfs. Based upon an office evaluation of the combined irrigated acreage now associated with the 4 permits it appears that to recognize a full inch per acre (0.02 cfs/ac) an additional \$15.00 fee would be necessary. At 2.00 cfs and the office acreage, the rate per acre would be 0.018 cfs per acre. The \$15.00 (however paid) would cover all 4 splits.

The primary reason for field verification is to confirm the actual irrigated acreage by permit, the historical irrigation system, and to GPS the POD. It is not required for each permit holder to be present during the field verification but I prefer meeting with each permit owner as direct interaction is less likely to generate miscommunication. I do need to work with at least one individual to layout the historical system and identify the original well.

Specific to 63-33374 I found the outlined POU to be 7 irrigated acres as shown in the following layout. There is not enough information to confirm the status of the ground around the home and especially the area on the eastern most portion of the outlined POU. If the field verification confirms the use as outlined the recommendation would be for 7 acres at 0.13 cfs based upon the beneficial use fee limits. If the additional fee is paid then I could recognize 0.14 cfs.

It is my intention to schedule a field visit in coordination with the other permit holders to review the systems on the same day. Please respond as to a timeframe that would work for you and after responses from the other individuals, I can set a date and time to meet at the property.

You can reach me at 208-334-2190 (ask for Kelly) and we can discuss the permit and the licensing process in greater detail.

You may also reach me by e-mail at the address shown below.

Sincerely

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