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SOUTHERN REGIONSTATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
To appropriate the public waters of the State of IdahoIdent. No. 72-16887
77963

1. Name of applicant(s) George E. Santee, Jr. Phone (208) 522-0202
Name connector (check one): ☐ and ☐ or ☐ and/or
- Mailing address: P.O. Box 2341 City Idaho Falls
State ID _____ Zip 83403-2341 Email: santeeg@saic.com
2. Source of water supply groundwater which is a tributary of Salmon River
3. Location of point(s) of diversion:

Twp	Rge	Sec	Govt Lot	1/4	1/4	1/4	County	Source	Local name or tag #
15N	20E	9	8		NW	SW	Custer	groundwater	new POD
15N	20E	9	8		SW	SW	Custer	groundwater	existing POD
15N	20E	9	8		SW	SW	Custer	groundwater	existing POD

4. Water will be used for the following purposes:

Amount 0.57 for irrigation purposes from 4/1 to 10/31 (both dates inclusive)
(cfs or acre-feet per year)

Amount _____ for _____ purposes from _____ to _____ (both dates inclusive)
(cfs or acre-feet per year)

Amount _____ for _____ purposes from _____ to _____ (both dates inclusive)
(cfs or acre-feet per year)

Amount _____ for _____ purposes from _____ to _____ (both dates inclusive)
(cfs or acre-feet per year)

5. Total quantity to be appropriated is (a) 0.57 cubic feet per second (cfs) and/or (b) _____ acre-feet per year (af).

6. Proposed diverting works:

a. Describe type and size of devices used to divert water from the source. n/a

b. Height of storage dam n/a feet; active reservoir capacity n/a acre-feet; total reservoir capacity n/a acre-feet. If the reservoir will be filled more than once each year, describe the refill plan in item 11.

For dams 10 feet or more in height OR reservoirs with a total storage capacity of 50 acre-feet or more, submit a separate Application for Construction or Enlargement of a New or Existing Dam. Application required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

c. Proposed well diameter is 20 inches; proposed depth of well is 50 feet.

d. Is ground water with a temperature of greater than 85°F being sought? ☐ Yes ☒ No

e. If well is already drilled, when? 1996; drilling firm Findley Drilling (two wells);
Well was drilled for (well owner) applicant; Drilling Permit No. 72-96-S-0036/38

7. Description of proposed uses (if irrigation only, go to item 8):

a. Hydropower; show total feet of head and proposed capacity in kW. _____

b. Stockwatering; list number and kind of livestock. _____

c. Municipal; show name of municipality or the applicant's qualifications as a municipal provider. _____

d. Domestic; show number of households _____

e. Other; describe fully. _____

8. Description of place of use:

- a. If water is for irrigation, indicate acreage in each subdivision in the tabulation below.
- b. If water is used for other purposes, place a symbol of the use (example: D for Domestic) in the corresponding place of use below. See instructions for standard symbols.

TWP	RGE	SEC	NE				NW				SW				SE				TOTALS
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
15N	20E	8																9.2	9.2
																		GL5	
		9										4.3	29.1						33.4
												GL8	GL8						

Total number of acres to be irrigated: 42.6

9. Describe any other water rights used for the same purposes as described above. Include water delivered by a municipality, canal company, or irrigation district. If this application is for domestic purposes, do you intend to use this water, water from another source, or both, to irrigate your lawn, garden, and/or landscaping? Licensed right 72-7536 was issued 12/27/2010 for the existing pivot (29.9 acres).

10. a. Who owns the property at the point of diversion? applicant
- b. Who owns the land to be irrigated or place of use? applicant
- c. If the property is owned by a person other than the applicant, describe the arrangement enabling the applicant to make this filing: n/a

11. Describe your proposal in narrative form, and provide additional explanation for any of the items above. Attach additional pages if necessary. The applicant proposes developing an additional groundwater source to (1) provide additional flow rate to the existing pivot, and (2) develop additional irrigated areas using handlines or irripods.

GIS shapefiles of the point of diversion and place of use are available by email from SPF Water Engineering. Please contact Roxanne Brown: (208) 383-4140, or email rbrown@spfwater.com

12. Time required for completion of works and application of water to proposed beneficial use is 5 years (minimum 1 year).
13. **MAP OF PROPOSED PROJECT REQUIRED** - Attach an 8½" x 11" map clearly identifying the proposed point of diversion, place of use, section #, township & range. A photocopy of a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle map is preferred.

Attachment 1: Map of Proposed Project; Attachment 2: Proposed Irrigated Area

The information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any willful misrepresentations made in this application may result in rejection of the application or cancellation of an approval.

George E. Santee, Jr.
Signature of Applicant

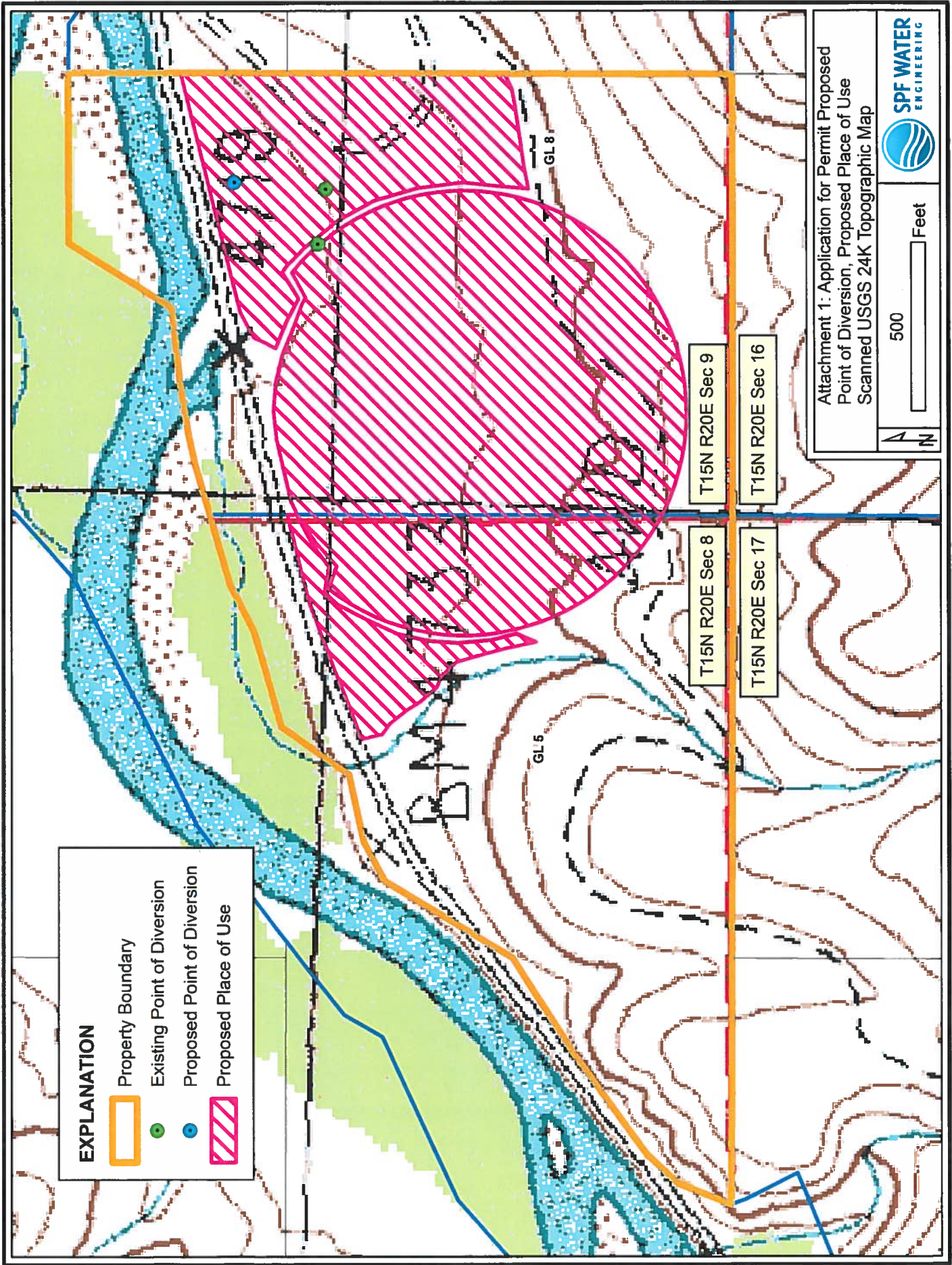
George E. Santee, Jr.
Print Name (and title, if applicable)

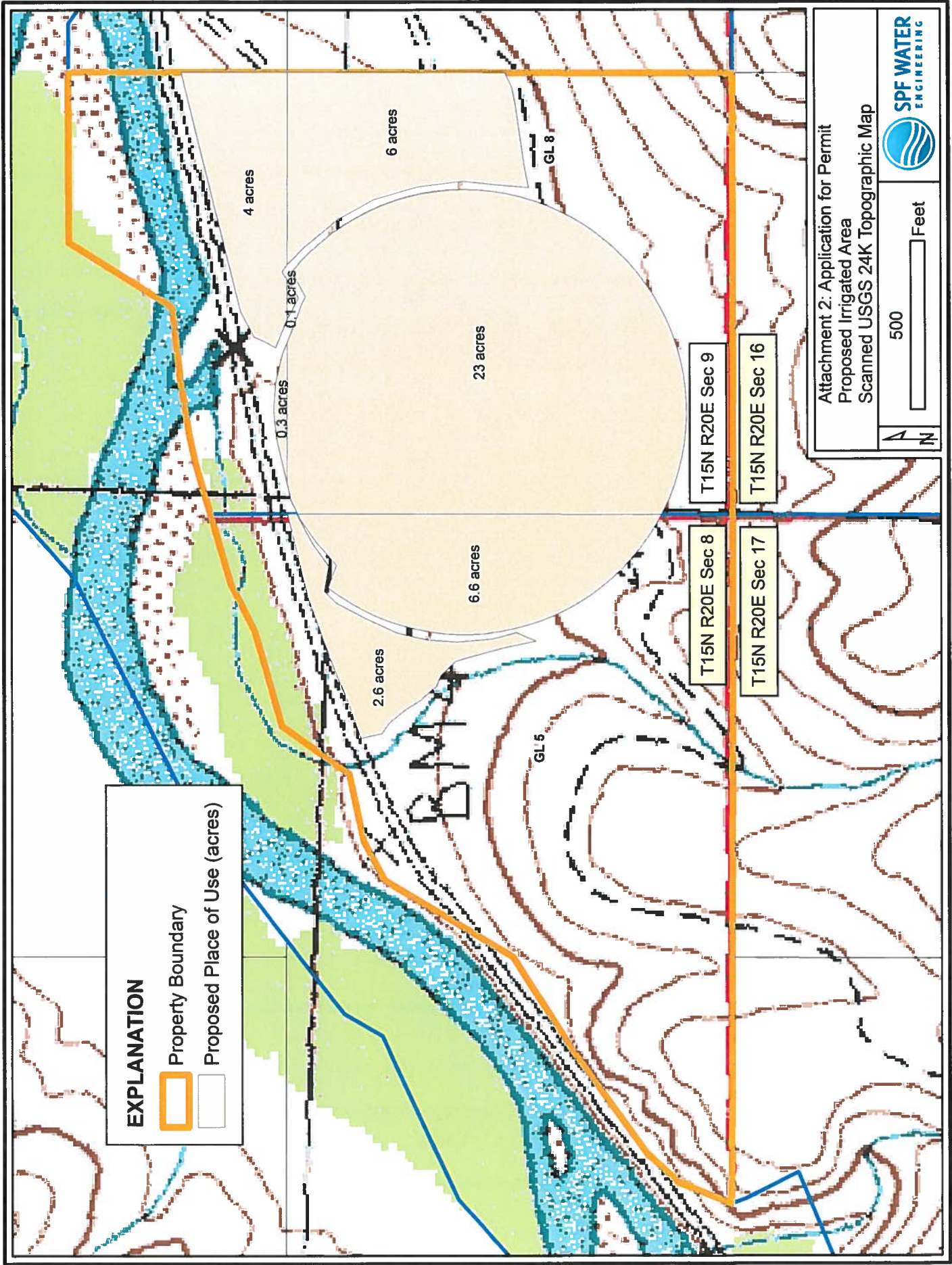
Signature of Applicant

Print Name (and title, if applicable)

For Department Use:

Received by _____ Date _____ Time _____ Preliminary check by HS
Fee \$ 250 Received by HS Receipt No. 5032592 Date 5/31/2012





State of Idaho
Department of Water Resources
Water Right License

WATER RIGHT NO. 72-07536

Priority: October 03, 1995

Maximum Diversion Rate: 0.28 CFS
Maximum Diversion Volume: 105.0 AF

It is hereby certified that GEORGE E SANTEE JR
PO BOX 2341
IDAHO FALLS ID 83403-2341 has complied with the terms and
conditions of the permit, issued pursuant to Application for Permit dated October 03, 1995; and has
submitted Proof of Beneficial Use on December 23, 1998. An examination indicates that the works have
a diversion capacity of 0.4 cfs of water from:

SOURCE

GROUND WATER

and a water right has been established as follows:

<u>BENEFICIAL USE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>	<u>DIVERSION RATE</u>	<u>ANNUAL DIVERSION VOLUME</u>
IRRIGATION	04/01 to 10/31	0.28 CFS	105.0 AF

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION:

GROUND WATER	L8 (SW1/4SW1/4) Sec. 9, Twp 15N, Rge 20E, B.M.	CUSTER County
GROUND WATER	L8 (SW1/4SW1/4) Sec. 9, Twp 15N, Rge 20E, B.M.	CUSTER County

PLACE OF USE: IRRIGATION

Twp Rge Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals	
	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE		
15N 20E 8																	6.6	6.6
15N 20E 9										.3	23.0						15	23.3
										L 8	L 8							

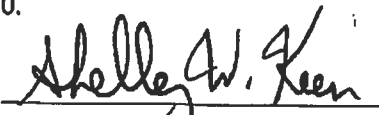
Total Acres: 29.9

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. After specific notification by the department, the right holder shall install a suitable measuring device or shall enter into an agreement with the department to determine the amount of water diverted from power records and shall annually report the information to the department.
2. Use of water under this right will be regulated by a watermaster with responsibility for the distribution of water among appropriators within a water district. At the time of this approval, this water right is within State Water District No. 170.
3. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.02 cfs per acre nor more than 3.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the lands above.

This license is issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 42-219, Idaho Code. The water right confirmed by this license is subject to all prior water rights and shall be used in accordance with Idaho law and applicable rules of the Department of Water Resources.

Signed and sealed this 27th day of December, 2010.


for GARY SPACKMAN
Interim Director

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WELL DRILLER'S REPORT

Use Typewriter or Ballpoint Pen

068853

Office Use Only

Inspected by _____

Twp _____ Rge _____ Sec _____

1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____

Lat : : Long : :

1. DRILLING PERMIT NO. 72-96-5-0038-000

Other IDWR No. _____

2. OWNER:

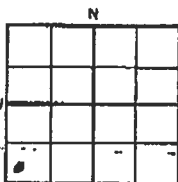
Name George E. Santee, Jr.

Address P.O. Box 2365

City Idaho Falls State Id Zip 83403-2365

3. LOCATION OF WELL by legal description:

Sketch map location must agree with written location.



Twp. 15 North ☒ or South ☐

Rge. 20 East ☒ or West ☐

Sec. 9 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4

Gov't Lot 8 County Custer

Lat : : Long : :

Address of Well Site Hwy 93 12 Miles

At. of Challis City Challis

Li. _____ Blk. _____ Sub. Name _____

4. USE:

- ☒ Domestic ☐ Municipal ☐ Monitor ☐ Irrigation
☐ Thermal ☐ Injection ☐ Other _____

5. TYPE OF WORK check all that apply (Replacement etc.)

☒ New Well ☐ Modify ☐ Abandonment ☐ Other _____

6. DRILL METHOD

☒ Air Rotary ☐ Cable ☐ Mud Rotary ☐ Other _____

7. SEALING PROCEDURES

SEAL/FILTER PACK			AMOUNT		METHOD
Material	From	To	Sacks or Pounds		
<u>CRUMBS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>Overhaul Bitting</u>

Was drive shoe used? ☐ Y ☐ N Shoe Depth(s) _____

Was drive shoe seal tested? ☐ Y ☐ N How? _____

8. CASING/LINER:

Diameter	From	To	Gauge	Material	Casing	Liner	Welded	Threaded
<u>8"</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Steel</u>	☒	☐	☐	☐
<u>4"</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>PVC</u>	☐	☒	☐	☐
<u>6"</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Steel</u>	☒	☐	☒	☐

Length of Headpipe _____ Length of Tailpipe _____

9. PERFORATIONS/SCREENS

☐ Perforations Method _____
☐ Screens Screen Type _____

From	To	Slot Size	Number	Diameter	Material	Casing	Liner
						☐	☐
						☐	☐
						☐	☐

10. STATIC WATER LEVEL OR ARTESIAN PRESSURE:

20' ft. below ground Artesian pressure _____ lb.

Depth flow encountered _____ ft. Describe access port or control devices: _____

11. WELL TESTS:

☐ Pump ☐ Bailor ☒ Air ☐ Flowing Artesian

Yield gal./min.	Drawdown	Pumping Level	Time
<u>60</u>	<u>AIR TEST</u>		

Water Temp. Cold Bottom hole temp. _____

Water Quality test or comments: Clear

Depth first Water Encountered 65'

12. LITHOLOGIC LOG: (Describe repairs or abandonment)

Bore Dia.	From	To	Remarks: Lithology, Water Quality & Temperature	Y	N
<u>8"</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Cobbles + Gravel</u>		☒
<u>8"</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Red Kyholite</u>		☒
<u>6"</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>Red Kyholite</u>		☒
<u>6"</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>Broken Brown Kyholite</u>	☒	
<u>6"</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>Black Sand Kyholite</u>		☒

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MAR 14 1997

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FEB 13 1997

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Capital Construction

MICROFILMED

MAY 19 1997

Completed Depth 130' (Measurable)
Date: Started 11-2-96 Completed 11-4-96

13. DRILLER'S CERTIFICATION

I/We certify that all minimum well construction standards were complied with at the time the rig was removed.

Firm Name Findlay Drilling Firm No. 062

Firm Official Ken Findlay Date 12-15-96

and _____

Supervisor or Operator _____ Date _____

(Sign once if Firm Official & Operator)

FORWARD WHITE COPY TO WATER RESOURCES



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Southern Region, 1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200 • Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380
Phone: (208) 736-3033 • Fax: (208) 736-3037 • Web Site: www.idwr.idaho.gov

C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Interim Director

June 28, 2012

GEORGE E SANTEE, JR.
PO BOX 2341
IDAHO FALLS, ID 83403-2341

Re: Application For Permit No. 72-16887

Dear Applicant(s):

The Department of Water Resources has received your water right application. Please refer to the number referenced above in all future correspondence regarding this application.

A legal notice of the application has been prepared and is scheduled for publication in the **CHALLIS MESSENGER on 7/5/2012 and 7/12/2012**. Protests to this application may be submitted for a period ending ten (10) days after the second publication (**July 23, 2012**).

If the application is protested, you will be sent a copy of each protest. All protests must be resolved before the application can be considered for approval. If the protest(s) cannot be resolved voluntarily, the Department will conduct a conference and/or hearing on the matter.

If the application is not protested, the Department will process your application and notify you of any action taken on the application. If your application is approved, the Department will send you a copy of the permit.

Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding the application.

Sincerely,

Denise Maline
Administrative Assistant

cc:

SPF WATER ENGINEERING LLC
C/O ROXANNE BROWN
300 E MALLARD DR STE 350
BOISE, ID 83706

Maline, Denise

From: Maline, Denise
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 10:44 AM
To: Challis Messenger
Subject: LEGAL NOTICE
Attachments: Challis Messenger Cover Letter.docx; Challis Messenger Ad.docx

Attached please find (1) legal notice being submitted for publication on July 5th & 12th, 2012. Please contact me if you have any questions, or if you are not able to run the ad on the dates requested.

Thank you in advance,

Denise Maline
Administrative Assistant
Dept of Water Resources
1341 Fillmore St, Ste 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301
(208) 736-3033
denise.maline@idwr.idaho.gov

June 28, 2012

LEGAL NOTICE DEPARTMENT
CHALLIS MESSENGER
PO BOX 405
CHALLIS, ID 83226

RE: Application For Permit No.(s): 72-16887 & 72-16891

Dear Legal Notice Department:

Please publish the enclosed legal notice on the dates indicated (once a week for two consecutive weekly issues). If you cannot publish the notice on the proposed dates, please contact us immediately.

An affidavit of publication must be submitted to the Department along with the publication bill. Please send the affidavit and bill to this office before July 23, 2012. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Denise Maline
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure(s)

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

72-16887

GEORGE E SANTEE, JR.
PO BOX 2341

IDAHO FALLS, ID 83403-2341

Point of Diversion L8(NWSW) S9 T15N R20E CUSTER County Source GROUND WATER Tributary

Point of Diversion L8(SWSW) S9 T15N R20E CUSTER County Source GROUND WATER Tributary

Point of Diversion L8(SWSW) S9 T15N R20E CUSTER County Source GROUND WATER Tributary

Use: IRRIGATION 04/01 to 10/31 0.57 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.57 CFS

Date Filed: 5/31/2012

Place Of Use: IRRIGATION

T15N R20E S8 L5(SESE)

T15N R20E S9 L8(NWSW) L8(SWSW)

Total Acres: 42.6

Application proposes appropriating up to 0.57 cfs of groundwater from a proposed well to be drilled and two existing wells. The water will be used for irrigation of up to 42.6 acres. The location of the proposed well and place of use is approximately 9.0 - 9.3 miles north and 5.3 - 5.7 miles east of Challis. This application proposes the diversion and use of water tributary to a federally designated Wild & Scenic River. The decreed minimum stream flow rights for the federal Wild & Scenic Rivers are subordinate to certain categories of water use and to specific amounts of water use established after the minimum stream flow. The water use proposed in this application will benefit from the subordination provision because the diversion rate and acres will be applied to the subordination amounts specified in the decree for the Salmon River Wild & Scenic River.

72-16891

AJ MITCHELL

TONIA S MITCHELL

1810 EAST LEWIS LANE

NAMPA, ID 83686

Point of Diversion NWNE S10 T14N R19E CUSTER County Source GROUND WATER Tributary

Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS

Use: IRRIGATION 04/01 to 10/31 0.2 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.2 CFS

Date Filed: 5/18/2012

Place Of Use: IRRIGATION & DOMESTIC

T14N R19E S10 NWNE

Total Acres: 10

Application proposes appropriating up to 0.20 cfs of groundwater from a new well to be drilled for domestic use associated with one home and irrigation of 10 acres on land located approximately 3.9 miles north and 1.1 miles east of the Main Street (Garden Creek Road) and Highway 93 intersection in Challis. This application proposes the diversion and use of water tributary to a federally designated Wild & Scenic River. The decreed minimum stream flow rights for the federal Wild & Scenic Rivers are subordinate to certain categories of water use and to specific amounts of water use established after the minimum stream flow. The water use proposed in this application will benefit from the subordination provision because it is for domestic purposes and the diversion rate and acres for irrigation purposes will be applied to the subordination amounts specified in the decree for the Salmon River Wild & Scenic River.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Southern Region office at (208) 736-3033; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Southern Region, 1341 Fillmore St, Suite 200, Twin Falls, ID 83301 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before July 23, 2012. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Interim Director
Published on July 5th & 12th, 2012

Maline, Denise

From: Maline, Denise
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 11:53 AM
To: Miller, Nick
Subject: Comment Letter for 72-16887
Attachments: Comment Letter to WD170 for 72-16887.doc; 72-16887 App..pdf

Hi Nick,

The attached application is currently being prepared for advertising in Custer County, Challis Messenger. Please review the attached information and provide any necessary comments you may have.

Thank you in advance,

Denise Maline
Administrative Assistant
Idaho Department of Water Resources
1341 Fillmore St, Ste 200
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
(208) 736-3033
denise.maline@idwr.idaho.gov



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NICK MILLER
WATER DISTRICT #170
322 E FRONT ST
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, ID 83720-0098

Via E-mail

COPY

RE: Application for Permit: 72-16887

Dear Mr. Miller:

A copy of the above referenced application is enclosed. Please review the application, then complete the enclosed recommendation form and return it to this office within 21 days of the date of this letter.

If the application is approved, IDWR will include appropriate standard conditions of approval for a water right located within a water district, such as regulation by the watermaster, lockable controlling works, and/or measuring devices. Any special conditions or other concerns you have related to this application should be specifically addressed in your recommendation.

IDWR's regional offices can finish reviewing an unprotested application as soon as the protest period has past. Your prompt response to this request will ensure that your recommendation can be considered. If IDWR has not received your written recommendation within 21 days from the date of this letter, IDWR will presume that you do not oppose approval of the application and that you have no comments for IDWR to consider.

Sincerely,

Denise Maline
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure(s)



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June 28, 2012

IDAHO DEPT OF FISH & GAME
PO BOX 1336
SALMON, ID 83467

Re: Application For Permit No. 72-16887 & 72-16891

Dear Fish & Game:

The Department of Water Resources is seeking written comment and/or recommendations from your agency regarding the above referenced water right application. A copy of the application is enclosed for your reference. Please review the application, complete the enclosed recommendation form, and submit it to this office within 21 days.

The Department can publish notice of the application as soon as the initial review is completed. Therefore, your prompt response to this request is appreciated. If your agency desires to formally protest the approval of this application, you may do so after the notice is published by filing a written protest along with a \$25.00 filing fee within 10 days after final publication (**July 23, 2012**).

Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding the application, or you may visit our website at www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Denise Maline
Administrative Assistant
Southern Region

Enclosure(s)

cc: Tom Bassista, IDFG Idaho Falls

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 25, 2012
To: Water Right File 71-16887
From: wmills 72-

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June 5, 2012

72-16887

George E. Santee, Jr.
PO Box 2341
Idaho Falls, ID 83403-2341

RE: Application to Appropriate Water in the Upper Salmon River Basin

Dear Water Right Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources' (IDWR) records show you filed an application to establish a new use of water in the upper Salmon River basin. Idaho Code § 42-203A(5) requires IDWR to determine whether each water right application satisfies all the criteria necessary for appropriating water in Idaho. One statutory criterion requires IDWR to determine the local public interest relative to the proposed water use. Idaho Code § 42-202B(3) defines the local public interest as "the interests that the people in the area directly affected by a proposed water use have in the effects of such use on the public water resource." The local public interest has many facets, including the effects of a proposed water use on aquatic habitat for fish and wildlife resources.

The upper Salmon River basin is home to stocks of chinook salmon, sockeye salmon, steelhead trout, and bull trout, all of which are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Since the early 1990s, local water users, conservation districts, and federal and state agencies have cooperated to implement conservation measures intended to protect and restore habitat for ESA-listed species in the upper Salmon River watershed. For example, at the request of local water users the Idaho Legislature directed the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to establish a minimum stream flow in the lower Lemhi River for fish passage. The minimum stream flow is maintained through a water supply bank and temporary or permanent acquisition of additional water supplies by willing buyers from willing sellers.

Pursuant to the Snake River Water Rights Agreement of 2004, Idaho has been developing a long term conservation plan for the benefit of ESA-listed species in the Lemhi River basin. Improving conditions in flow-limited river reaches and streams is a fundamental component of the Lemhi plan. In addition to IDWR, numerous state agencies, including the Office of Species Conservation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and Idaho Department of Lands, have committed and continue to commit significant resources toward this objective under the following programs:

- Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program

- National Marine Fisheries Service Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund
- U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service Aquatic Species Conservation Fund
- Salmon and Clearwater River Basins Habitat Fund
- 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords

A myriad of habitat restoration projects are being constructed/implemented in other parts of the upper Salmon River basin. These projects have been coordinated with the local communities and water users through the Upper Salmon River Basin Watershed Program and predecessor programs, including the model watersheds. Furthermore, the Snake River Water Rights Agreement of 2004 contemplates the development of additional conservation plans for other upper Salmon River basin watersheds. Accordingly, the draft Comprehensive State Water Plan under revision by the IWRB contains policies for the Salmon River basin that focus on the protection and restoration of instream habitat for ESA-listed species through voluntary participation in conservation programs.

Because of the ESA-listed species recovery efforts in the upper Salmon River basin, IDWR must determine on a case-by-case basis whether it is in the local public interest to authorize proposed water uses that would further deplete flow-limited stream reaches.

Pursuant to Rule 40.04.c of the Water Appropriation Rules (IDAPA 37.03.08.040.04.c), the applicant has the ultimate burden of persuasion regarding the items that must be evaluated in connection with each water right application. Before proceeding further with your application, IDWR requests you submit additional information about how your proposal invokes any local public interest concerns for ESA species recovery. Within 30 days, please submit any additional information you believe IDWR may need to evaluate and determine the local public interest in the water you propose to divert and use. If IDWR has not received a response from you within 30 days, IDWR will assume you have no comment regarding the local public interest, and processing of your application will resume with the information currently on file. Processing will include public notice and the potential for formal protests by other interested parties. Applications that are not in the local public interest will be denied. If you wish to withdraw your application before it is processed, please notify IDWR in writing.

If you have any questions, please call me at 208-736-3033, or email me at william.mills@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Mills', written in a cursive style.

William Mills
Water Resource Agent
Southern Regional Office

CC: SPF Water Engineering



SPF WATER
ENGINEERING

May 30, 2012

Allen Merritt, Region Manager
Idaho Department of Water Resources
Southern Region
1341 Fillmore St., Suite 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301-3380

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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGION

Subject: Application for Permit – George Santee, Jr.

Dear Allen,

Please find enclosed an *Application for Permit* submitted on behalf of George Santee, Jr. The purpose of the application is to authorize development of an additional groundwater source for land now irrigated under licensed right 72-7536. Mr. Santee also intends to irrigate additional land if the groundwater development proves sufficient.

We have also enclosed a check for the filing fee.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Brown

cc: George Santee

Enclosures

SPF Project No.: 809.0020