

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 10, 2011
To: Water Right File 51-4037
From: MWeaver
Re: Memo of Understanding

On February 3, 2007 John Homan and I attended a coordination meeting amongst water users of a spring system in Basin 51 known as Murphy Hot Springs. The coordination meeting was held by Sherriff Daryl Crandall of Owyhee County at the Owyhee County Court House. The intent of the coordination meeting was to find common ground and a working relationship amongst the spring users before the long history of discontent escalated to future violence. Others in attendance included Matthew Olivas, Mike Farnsworth, and Tom Scroggins. Very little was asked of the Department during the coordination meeting. It is my assessment that the springs have sufficient flow to supply water to all parties. Due to the minimum elevation between the springs and the Scroggins Home (i.e. Adamo) without the aid of a pump, the maximum pressure that could be anticipated in the home would be around 13 psi. The outcome of the meeting was that the Sherriff agreed to put together a memo of understanding (MOU) based on details from the coordination meeting and both parties agreed to sign and adhere to the MOU when putting spring water to beneficial use in the future. On February 7, 2011 the Department received a draft copy of the Sherriffs MOU for comment. On February 9, 2011 John Homan provided an updated version of the MOU to the Sherriff, containing edits from the Department to do with as he saw fit.