

Merritt, Allen

From: Merritt, Allen
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 2:30 PM
To: 'Fred_Price@blm.gov'; Reeder, Jana; Ciscell, Michael; Skaggs, Pam; Keen, Shelley; Luke, Tim; Peppersack, Jeff; wparsons@pmt.org
Cc: Sherman_Beazer@blm.gov
Subject: RE: BLM Protest-SWID

Fred,

This morning I brought the issue of the digital shape file and draft language for the condition we have been discussing in good faith before IDWR's parallel processing group that routinely meets to discuss transfer and other water right processing issues. The meeting involves various IDWR employees.

These issues were discussed in detail but the consensus of most of the staff (I did not agree) was that the standard language of condition U42 should be used....

"Place of use does not include federal public lands."

My apologies for not being able to persuade my peers in this matter.

At this juncture I am prepared to include standard condition U42 on any approval and associate the right to the last shape file we exchanged (provided by BLM) that does not overlap on to BLM land as the current version of GCDB depicts. I will await your consideration of this for withdrawing BLM's protest. If this is not sufficient to withdraw the protest let me know and I will promptly schedule a pre-hearing conference so we can move this matter to a hearing.

Allen

-----Original Message-----

From: Fredric_Price@blm.gov [mailto:Fredric_Price@blm.gov] On Behalf Of Fred_Price@blm.gov
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 1:43 PM
To: Merritt, Allen; Reeder, Jana; Ciscell, Michael; Skaggs, Pam; Keen, Shelley; Luke, Tim
Cc: Sherman_Beazer@blm.gov
Subject: RE: BLM Protest-SWID

Allen,

Our GIS folks suggested changing "of digital mapping data" to "geographic information system data" which also coincides with the definition of digital boundary in the statute.

"Regular, technological updates to the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) geographic information system data (i.e. GCDB), may cause slight shifts in quarter-quarter lines as precision improves; however, the place of use shall continue to be interpreted as not including federal public lands."

Fred

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Subject
RE: BLM Protest-SWID(Document link:
Fredric Price (Archive))

09/20/2010 03:43
PM

Allen,

RE: Transfer 75835, 01-00023A, Southwest Irrigation District

It appears that our GIS system was not linked to the latest and greatest GCDB, but it is now! The latest & greatest GCDB appears to be consistent with what you are currently using. We have reviewed the shape, that you sent us via the email immediately below, against the latest & greatest GCDB and found several vertices that intruded onto BLM land, so we selected those BLM QQs and erased them from the shape (see attached).

As to a remark to make it clear that the digital boundary does not include federal land even if future technological changes shifts QQ lines such that the digital boundary now intrudes onto federal land because a QQ line has shifted, what do you think of the following remark:

"Regular, technological updates to the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) of digital mapping data (i.e. GCDB) may cause a slight shift in quarter-quarter lines as precision improves, however the place of use shall continue to be interpreted as not including federal public lands."

Fred



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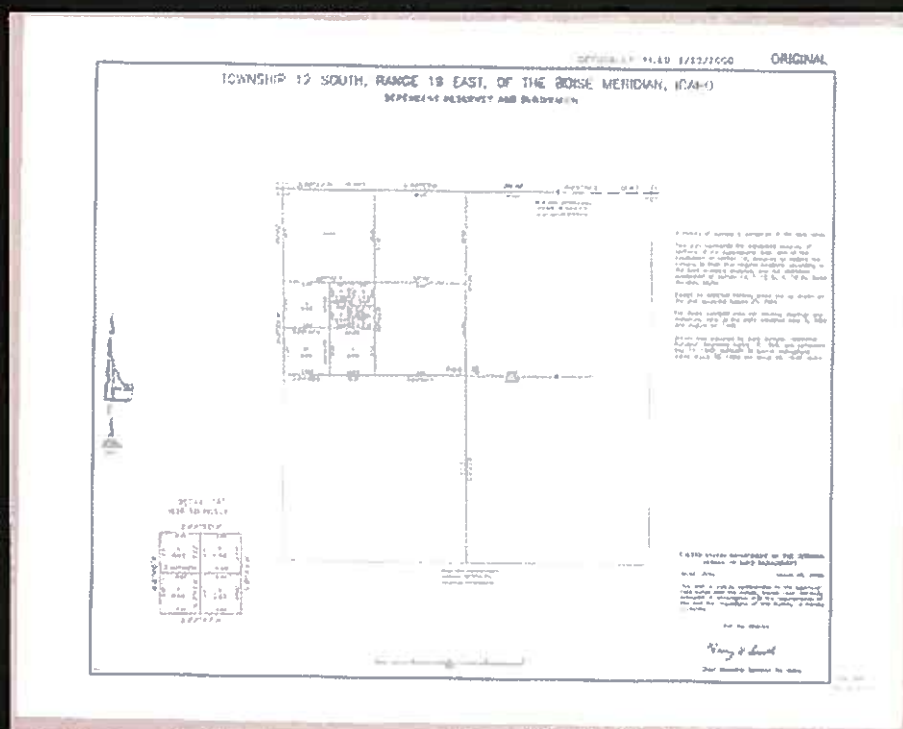
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09/20/2010 11:41 AM

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Subject

RE: BLM Protest-SWID

Fred,

I have reviewed Jana's shape and your protest. I have modified the Jana's shape and specifically changed it in the areas of concern your protest identifies. Attached is my shape for your review that can be associated with the transfer on your approval and withdrawal of protest.

Please note that the GCDB IDWR has does not reference the Lot numbers of private land you mention in your protest. I have modified the shape in these areas consistent with the GCDB lines. Hopefully the comment you are working on will resolve the potential confusion about use on federal lands.

Let me know if the shape needs to be tweaked again.

Allen

-----Original Message-----

From: Merritt, Allen

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 9:42 AM

To: Merritt, Allen; 'Fredric_Price@blm.gov'

Cc: Keen, Shelley; Reeder, Jana; Luke, Tim; Ciscell, Michael; Skaggs, Pam

Subject: RE: BLM Protest-SWID

Fred,

I have talked to Jana this morning in more detail. You are correct that the shape in the transfer does not match the digital boundary for 01-23A determined out of SRBA exactly. Jana was contacted by Brandon Anderson with BLM and they worked together to attempt to make a shape that did not include BLM property specifically because of the interim change in GCDB. Jana created a shape based on Brandon's list that identified tracts that appeared to be on BLM property. The shape Jana created is what the transfer is currently linked to. Jana provided Brandon a copy of her shape for his review and he came back with another shape that Jana could never load. She informed Brandon of this but never got a response.

I'm wondering if IDWR and BLM are using the same version of GCDB. This is somewhat maddening.

We can still modify this shape again but still I think it important that some sort of condition be created that avoids this as the GCDB continues to migrate at BLM command.

Allen

-----Original Message-----

From: Merritt, Allen

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 7:50 AM

To: 'Fredric_Price@blm.gov'

Cc: Keen, Shelley

Subject: RE: BLM Protest-SWID

Fred,

It may be that permits 01-10566 or 01-10572 changed the boundary since an irrigation district only needs to notify IDWR that their service area changes which then affects all their water rights. I think your assumption that the boundary must be the same as what was determined in the SRBA may not be a valid assumption.

I guess the important issue is that the boundary does not include federal lands so I think the condition you were going to work on is still important.

Allen

-----Original Message-----

From: Fredric_Price@blm.gov [mailto:Fredric_Price@blm.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 5:01 PM

To: Merritt, Allen

Cc: Sherman_Beazer@blm.gov

Subject: Fw: BLM Protest-SWID

Allen,

RE: Transfer 75835, 01-00023A, Southwest Irrigation District

After we talked this morning (after the Beck conference) about BLM's protest of the SWID transfer, I went back to the office and we compared the digital boundary being used in the transfer to the digital boundary attached to the SF-5 that was filed with the SRBA Court. They are not the same. Irregardless of GCDB issues, they should be identical in those areas not changed by the transfer!

I thought I remembered you stating that you were using the boundary defined by BLM in the SRBA (i.e. SF-5) and that new GCDB has changes which makes it appear the boundary now intrudes on BLM. I went out to your interactive map server and downloaded a chunk of PLSS and there is indeed a difference between what you are using and what was used to settle in the SRBA. We are digging into why it might be different, as (at first glance)

we don't see a change on our end (but it's a big boundary), but I am more concerned that the digital boundary being used in the transfer does not appear (at first glance) to be what was settled upon and partially decreed.

The plot thickens...

Fred

----- Forwarded by Fredric Price/IDSO/ID/BLM/DOI on 09/17/2010 04:28 PM
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09/17/2010 03:01
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Subject

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Fredric Price)

We are working through some things and hope to have it done by the end of the month. Monday I need to find out why our data is different from IDWR's data, in terms of plss (mapping base data). Thanks for keeping us on track with this, it is very appreciated.

Thanks,
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09/17/2010 12:09
PM

"Brian Higgs" <higgs@ida.net>

Subject

BLM Protest-SWID

Sherm. I had conversation with Allen Merritt at IDWR and he said he had spoken to Fred Price and that by the end of this month (Sept) he would have a proposed settlement language. Do you concur? Shall I calendar this to that point?

Bill Parsons

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