

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 22, 2010
To: Water Right File 11-7151
From: csaxton
Re: Licensed POU acreage

On December 8, 2009, IDWR sent a licensing amendment to the permit holder of 11-7151. The licensing amendment described the place of use (POU) as being 206.5 acres based on available evidence of how much acreage was in production during the authorized development period (Sept 1978 to Sept 1, 1988) for the permit. The Permit holder, signed the amendment, but did not agree with the acreage and wrote 329.59 acres in the total acres area on the amendment. Along with the licensing amendment, the applicant submitted FSA photos dated 1987 and an explanation of why the permit holder felt more acreage should be authorized under licensed 11-7151.

The applicant requested a 329.59 acres place of use. However, analysis of the FSA photos and using ArcView found 300.8 acres. The difference could be due to several factors. It appears that the applicant included in his calculation intermediate lands between and around irrigation fields that were not irrigated. In addition, the FSA photos didn't show an acreage for some of the irrigated fields and the applicant most likely estimated based on the acreage he actually owns rather than what was actually irrigated.