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RE: Water Appropriation Permit 37-8169

Dear Sir:

IDWR is reviewing Permit 37-8169 to determine if a water right license can be issued at this time. During the review of the information associated with this permit, it was found that there are some loose ends to be tied up before the license is issued.

A field examination was conducted on the system on August 17, 1988. The field examiner, Thomas Schafer, reported that the flow rate, 184 cfs, was unusually low due to drought conditions, and according to records kept by the Big Wood Canal Company between 1978 and 1983, the average flow rate was 305 cfs. The Department received correspondence from the field examiner in February 1989 indicating a second field measurement would be taken in June of 1989 in hopes that flows would be more typical. Gary Spackman from the Department stated in his correspondence to the field examiner in February 1989 that either additional information about the flow rate or an alternate method of determining the capacity of the system was expected in approximately 6 months. The Department has not received any further information regarding Permit 37-8169.

There are a few routes we can take to resolve this issue. You can submit the measurement from 1989 (if it was taken), provide information from another source quantifying the flow rate or have another field examination conducted and report the measurement.

If I have not received a response from you within 30 days, the license will be issued for the amount measured during the 1988 field examination.

If you have any questions, please call me at (208) 287-4949, or email me at [erin.retelle@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:erin.retelle@idwr.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,

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Cc: Thomas K Schafer, PE/LS