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Candice McHugh
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Idaho Department of Water Resources
State Office
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RE: ⁴⁵~~43~~-07563, Request for License Amendment Based on GPS Data

Dear Ms. McHugh:

We have had several meetings with your office to determine how best to pursue license amendments without overburdening the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) with transfers to just more accurately describe locations of water developments. Based upon IDWR's recommendation, I am requesting that IDWR amend BLM's license to correct land descriptions based upon better technological methods used to locate this water right than the acceptable, standard methods used to establish the right. Global Positioning System (GPS) is a more accurate and reliable method of determining location than previous methods relying on navigation by use of topographic maps and compasses. BLM is not seeking to transfer (or move) the location of the development, but is simply seeking to more accurately describe the original constructed location.

If there are questions regarding any statements above, please do not hesitate to contact me at 373-3828 or at the address provided above.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Madenford
Water Rights Team Leader