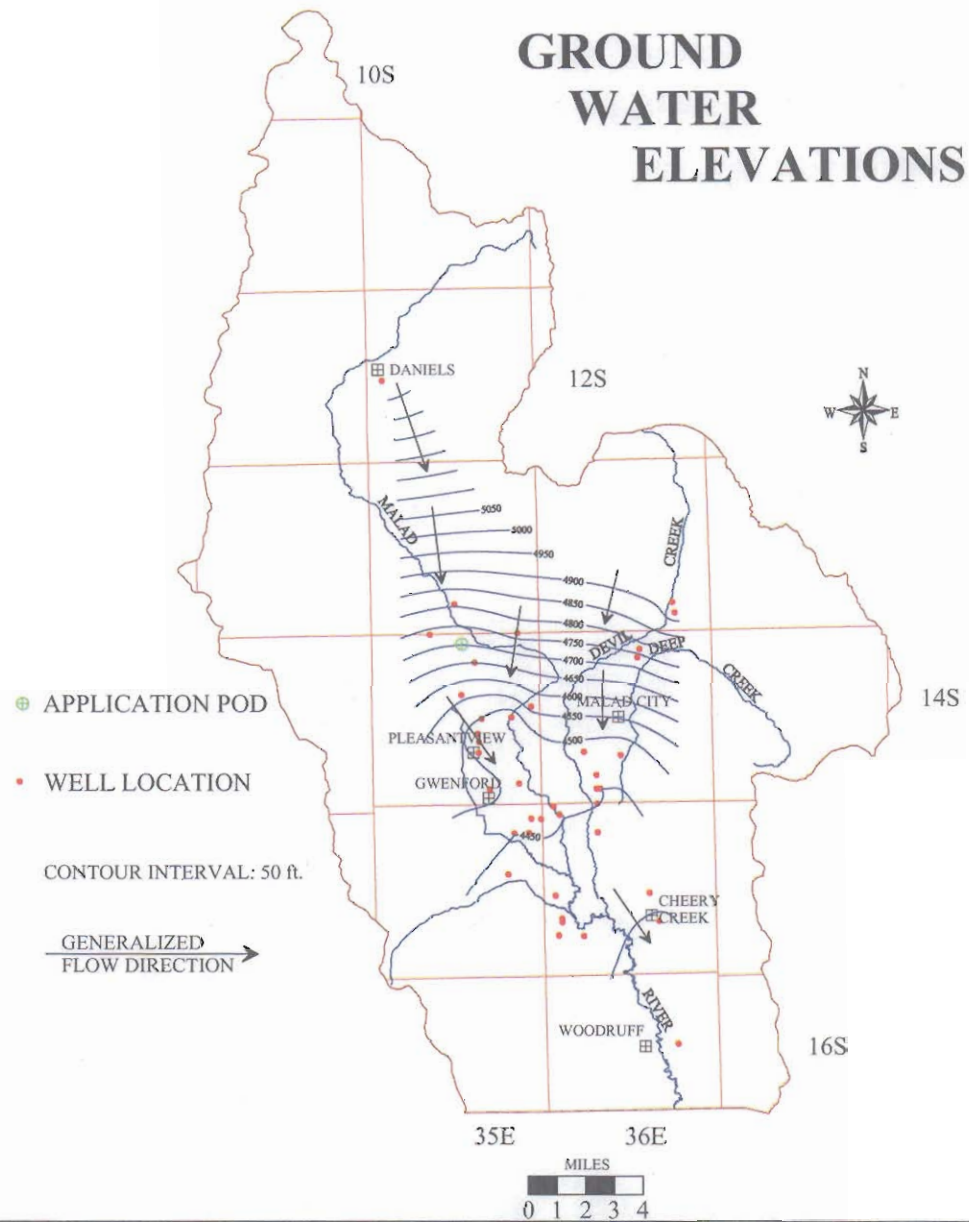


MEMORANDUM

Date: March 10, 2008
To: Water Right File 15-7285
From: jharris
Re: Permit Review

In reviewing permit 15-7285 it became apparent that further analysis was needed to assess the potential for injury to other nearby water rights. The protests were received past the specified deadline and could not be considered valid. An internal hydrogeologic assessment was prepared by hydrology staff that investigated the potential injury. The report found that there could be the potential for this right to have an impact on nearby ground and surface water rights. The model created for the report was based on multiple assumptions that due to a lack of current and historical field data may or may not be considered valid. Currently there is no water district or any type of management for this area and any information regarding water use is sparse. Idaho Code 42-226 provides for the full economic development of underground water resources and states that reasonable decreases in pumping levels do not constitute injury. In consideration of the recent monetary appropriation for aquifer studies allocated by the governor there is a possibility some of this money could be used for studies in this basin.

MALAD BASIN (#15)



Ground water contour map for the Malad Basin (IDWR, 2000)