

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 27, 2007
To: Water Right File 11-7358
From: jdean
Re: Amendment of Permit

This permit was amended in order to update the permit to match what was found in the beneficial use field exam. The original permit listed the place of use incorrectly for one quarter quarter. The amendment reflects the correct quarter quarter based on the field exam. The second change that was addressed in the amendment is the nature of use for the permit. The original permit listed the purpose of use as recreation. The use has always been water for the campsites at Bear Lake park. The amendment requests the nature of use be changed to domestic. This reflects a change in description of the right rather than an actual change in the use. The third change that is requested is to extend the season of use from May 1 - September 30 to year round. Without limiting the volume of the right, this would be an expansion. Therefore, it was necessary to calculate the diversion volume for the originally permitted season of use to prevent expansion of the right during the amendment process.

The diversion volume was not calculated as part of the beneficial use field exam. There was limited information in the file about the campgrounds, so I obtained additional information from the Idaho Parks & Recreation website (<http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/bearlake.aspx>). The information from the website describes 47 individual camping sites and 3 group camping sites. This information was used to determine a volume for the water right. See the file for additional information.



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 5,900

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Bear Lake State Park

Bear Lake State Park is located in a high mountain valley in the extreme southeast corner of Idaho. At 5,900 feet elevation, the park offers a wide variety of both summer and winter recreation opportunities. Bear Lake itself is 20 miles long and 8 miles wide with half of the lake in Idaho and half in Utah. The lake is a water sports Mecca attracting boaters, water skiers, and beach lovers from all over the country.

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Location: Bear Lake, ID

Southeastern Idaho, 20 miles S. of
Montpelier

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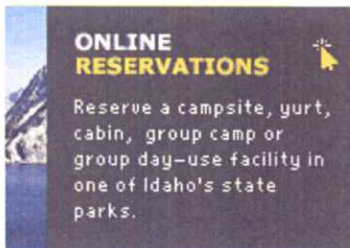
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The Park Today

The park is officially open for the summer season!

The Bear Lake State Park campground is located on the east side of the lake and offers 47 individual, and three (3) group campsites. The North Beach unit of the park offers over two miles of sandy beach for day use.

Prior to Memorial Day and after Labor Day, it is less busy and fishermen tend to have the lake to enjoy for themselves. The weather in September can be some of the nicest of the year, with temperatures in the 60's and 70's. The





Cache mountain range borders the lake on the western shore and offers miles of hiking, biking, and motorized trails. Minnetonka Cave is minutes from North Beach and is open from early June to September. During the winter, the park grooms almost 300 miles of snowmobile trails in these high mountains. The Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge borders the park on the north and offers great bird watching year round. No matter what your favorite activity, you can find it at Bear Lake State Park!

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ONLINE RESERVATIONS

Reserve a campsite, yurt, cabin, group camp or group day-use facility in one of Idaho's state parks.

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Campgrounds and Amenities

Extend your play with an overnight stay. Below is a list of the overnight options available for you within Bear Lake State Park:

Please note - Due to weather conditions, some services may not be available for off-season camping! In this case, available services may be verified by calling the park at (208) 847-1045.

East Beach Campground

Available Campsites: Standard Campsites and Serviced Campsite/E



Amenities include individual sites (some with electricity) central water, and vault toilets.

Standard Campsites - \$12 per night (plus Idaho State Sales Tax)

Serviced Campsite/E - \$16 per night (plus Idaho State Sales Tax)

Reservation Season: Bear Lake State Park accepts reservations from May 24th through September 4th. Camping on a first-come, first-served basis is available from mid April (weather dependent) to May 23rd, and from September 5th through November 30th (weather dependent).

Make a reservation [online](#), or call (866) 634-3246

Multiple Site Reservation Considerations.

Multiple site reservations for seven (7) campsites or more must be made through the call center at (866)-634-3246.

Group Camps

Available Group Camps:

One (1) Primitive Group Camp

Amenities include vault toilets

\$75 per night (plus Idaho State Sales Tax)

accommodates a maximum of 100 campers.

Call (208) 847-1045 for reservation information

Two (2) Serviced Group camps/ W, E

Amenities include vault toilets, water, and electricity.

\$115 per night (plus Idaho State Sales Tax)

accommodates a maximum of 50 campers.

Call (208) 847-1045 for reservation information





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TO: Regional Offices and Water Allocation Section

FROM: Norman C. Young *NCY*

DATE: January 26, 1987

RE: Annual Volume Usage in U.S. Forest Service Campgrounds

License Processing No. 4

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidelines for estimating annual volume for water rights filed by U.S. Forest Service for domestic use in their campgrounds. The following guidelines should only be used when no specific information was obtained in the field examination process.

Most campgrounds using groundwater install hand-operated pumps which have a capacity of about 1 gpm. The campground usage varies but most are designed to meet a peak use of 100 persons/campground. The average season of use according to the Forest Service planners is 180 days. The estimated range of usage is 500 to 650 gallons/day/campground to as high as 10 gallons/day/person.

Using the above estimates, the annual campground groundwater usage is:

$$\frac{10 \text{ gallons}}{\text{day/person}} \times \frac{180 \text{ days}}{\text{season}} \times 100 \text{ persons} = \frac{180,000 \text{ gallons}}{\text{season}}$$
$$= \frac{180,000}{325,850} = 0.55 \text{ af}$$

Since 0.55 af is so close to the annual volume used for the standard single in-house domestic usage, 0.6 af/season should be used on U.S. Forest Service and BLM water rights.