

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2005

TO: Water Right File 79-7155

FROM: Shelley W. Keen 

RE: Phone call from Don Heckman

This morning I spoke with Don Heckman via telephone about Permit 79-7155. He stated that water has been diverted each year under this permit to fill the ponds located in the NE¼ of Section 24, T28N, R1E, B.M. According to Mr. Heckman, cattle drink from the ponds, and seepage from the ponds recharges some springs the cattle depend on. Mr. Heckman said he will send me a letter explaining how the water is used, and he will attach an affidavit from a neighbor who is familiar with his water use. I told Mr. Heckman that if the information he provides is complete and convincing, it may be possible for IDWR to issue a license for stockwater and stockwater storage. Mr. Heckman would probably have to apply to amend Permit 79-7155 to change the permitted irrigation use to stockwater storage.