

Comment Report

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1. jstanton 10/26/2005 11:50:35 AM Additional Information Supporting Application

Comment: Residency affidavit for hydropower development: N/A

Additional hydropower project information: N/A

Additional fish propagation project information: N/A

Appropriation Rule 40.05.c information: N/A

Mitigation Plan or acceptance form: N/A

Evidence of Pre-1987 development: N/A

2. jstanton 10/26/2005 Comment/Analysis

Comment: This application proposes to add a stock trough on private land to an existing stock-watering system on BLM land. The pod was formerly used at a highway rest stop that has been abandoned and acquired by the BLM. This will just spread the cattle out more to reduce environmental impacts. The permit is not actually needed, as the use is a de minimus one and therefore exempt. But it is probably a good idea for them to get the permit just to keep everything recorded properly. The permit can be processed outside the 1992 moratorium. The well is NOT in the ESPA, so none of those restrictions apply.

The Right POD layer in ArcView just has a generic point for this well, but Bruce Newcomb was able to describe to me where the well is actually located; I used this data to update the SDE layer.

It turns out that the pou shown on the original application was incorrect, as this would have put it right under an existing pivot. The new trough will actually be in the NE pivot corner, which Bruce agreed would put it in the NW/NW Sec. 5. I changed the Workflow record according, and printed out a new Page 2 for the file.

3. jstanton 10/26/2005 Legal Notice Remarks

Comment: This application proposes to add a stock trough on private land for cattle that are presently watered from the same well on nearby public land. The well at the old rest stop on the south side of Hwy. 86 now provides water for these animals, and will continue to do so. The well is now owned by the BLM. The well is located 4 miles east of the Hwy. 84/86 interchange, and the place of use is about 1 mile NW of the well.