

Nutrient Management Service

Memo

To: Lori Graves
From: Darwin Vander Stelt, on behalf of Jim Scarrow
CC:
Date: 10/12/2004
Re: Jim Scarrow water transfer

The applicant has purchased approximately 1300 acres in Payette county for the purpose of establishing a new dairy operation. The parcel is found in T06N R05W and comprises parts of sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24. A Topo map and aerial photo are attached to this memo.

The dairy will consume 730.8 afa for stockwater and commercial purposes, which will be provided by an existing stockwater right (27 afa from 63-7533) along with a change in the nature of use on 276 acres covered by 63-3182 (which will provide the other 703.8 afa). The 276 acres will be completely dried up, and covered by corrals, feed storage areas, barns, etc.

The portion of this farm on which the new dairy will be built is covered by two water rights (63-3182 and 31839), however the entire farm has 9 different water rights, with different priority dates, often conferring a right to apply additional flow to portions of the place of use covered by an earlier right, along with additional POU. The land to be dried up for the dairy was all covered by the earliest water right, 63-3182, and the newest, 63-31839, and no other. The latest water right, 63-31839, lists the entire irrigable farm as the POU, indicating that the system is all combined.

The typical procedures used to calculate the flows for stockwater and commercial use leaves the applicant with about 3 times as much as is needed for the dairy operation. In an effort to make better use of the water right, an alternative method of allocating the flow is proposed in Appendix D.

Should there be further questions, I can be reached at 465-9496. Thank You!



Darwin Vander Stelt