

Appointment Memo

BRBA Water Right Claim #11-4118

Appointment Date: January 23rd, 2026

The following is a description of an appointment held in office between Water Resource Agent Justin Edgel and claimant Jennifer Alleman regarding the statutory claim to a water right #11-4118 for irrigation from Sheep Hollow Creek:

This appointment was made after sending a letter requesting additional priority date evidence. Upon receiving this letter, Jennifer Alleman called the office to make an appointment with Justin Edgel. During the meeting, Jennifer described the diversion as a natural stream that flows onto her property and waters her stock. She mentions that the water is only diverted away from her property so that she can plant and harvest her field. Once that is done she will remove the diversion and the water will naturally flow onto her field where her stock animals drink. Given this description, Justin informed her that a valid irrigation water right must have some man-made development on the diversion with intentions of using that diversion for irrigation. Since the watering only occurred naturally and the diversion was meant to avoid watering, Justin determined that claim #11-4118 would be an invalid water right.

Jennifer also wanted to add stockwater to the claim, since the statutory claim originally had stockwater which has continued since then. Jennifer made the decision to amend claim #11-4118 to remove irrigation and add stockwater. It was determined that, based on Jennifer's description, water use would be instream stockwater. Jennifer also stated that Sheep Hollow Creek has been used to provide water naturally since the claimed priority date in the statutory claim.

Given this information, I will review this claim as instream stockwater use based on a statutory claim that was likely described incorrectly. An affidavit was also provided to describe the historical water use.