

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
IN-OFFICE REVIEW/BENEFICIAL USE FIELD REPORT

A. GENERAL INFORMATIONExam Date: 7/31/2026

1. Does this qualify for an in-office field exam (IDAPA 37.03.02.035.01.q)? X Y ___ N
- X Irrigation of 5 acres or less
 - ___ Storage of up to 14.6 AF for stockwater purposes only
 - ___ Any use other than irrigation or storage, if the combined diversion rate is 0.24 cfs or less
 - ___ Other < >

Comment: This permit would not normally qualify for an in-office licensing examination because the permit authorized more than 5 acres of irrigation. However, the permit holder confirmed only 4.5 acres of irrigation was actually developed. Therefore, developed irrigation would qualify for an in-office examination.

2. Current Owner: Suzanne and Berry Prescott

Owner of Record Correct? X Y ___ N

Address of Record Correct? X Y ___ N

If No Explain: N/A

3. Beneficial Use Fees have been paid: X Y ___ N Receipt No: C127446

4. Source: Snake River Tributary: Columbia River

Method of Determination: GIS, Idaho Tax Parcel Data, and the Permit Holders Statement of Completion for Proof of Beneficial Use (Proof Statement).

Change in Source: ___ Y X ___ N

B. OVERLAP REVIEW

1. Other water rights with the same place of use: Overlap ? X Yes ___ No

Water Right No.	Source	Purpose of Use	Basis
2-2072	Snake River	Irrigation	Decree
57-7215	Groundwater	Domestic	Decree

Comments: Water Rights (WR) 2-2072 and 57-7215 were initially identified as overlapping the permitted place of use (POU). Department records indicate that WR 2-2072 is owned by the Opaline Irrigation District. Although the permit holders report holding irrigation district shares, those shares are no longer deliverable; therefore, there is no basis for restricting use in relation to WR 2-2072. A review of Idaho Tax Parcel Data and Department records confirms that WR 57-7215 does not overlap the permitted POU.

2. Other water rights with the same point of diversion: Overlap ? ___ Yes X No

Water Right No.	Source	Purpose of Use	Basis
N/A			

Comments: There are no other WR's overlapping the permitted point of diversion.

C. DIVERSION AND DELIVERY SYSTEM

1. Location of Point(s) of Diversion:

Source	Govt. Lot	¼	¼	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.		County
Snake River	1	SE	SE	6	01N	03W	B.M.	Owyhee

Method of Determination: GIS and Idaho Tax Parcel Data.

Change in POD? ___ Y X ___ N Amendment Required? ___ Y X ___ N

2. Place of Use:

TWP	RGE	Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
01N	03W	7		0.7															0.7
01N	03W	6															2.8	0.6	3.4
		Lot #															1	1	
Total Acres =																			4.1

Method of Determination: GIS, Idaho Tax Parcel Data, the permit holders Poof Statement, a phone call with the permit holder on July 30th, 2026, and 2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery. The SWSE Quarter/Quarter is also within government lot 1 according to PLSS data. This will be clarified on the license.

Change in POU? Y X N Amendment Required? Y X N

3. Diversion System Information

Description: N/A

- Delivery System Diagram Attached. (mark all major components and distances between components)
X Aerial Photo indicating the location of the recommended POD and POU (required).
 Additional Aerial Photography.
 Photo of Diversion and System Attached

3. Diversion Id No.*	Motor Make	HP	Motor Serial No.	Pump Make	Pump Serial No. or Discharge Size
N/A					

*Code to correspond with No. on map and aerial photo

D. FLOW MEASUREMENTS

1. Measurement Equipment	Type	Make	Model No.	Serial No.	Size	Calib. Date
N/A						

2. Measurement Comments: No measurement is required for permits qualifying for an in-office examination according to the IDAPA Beneficial Use Examination Rules.

E. FLOW CALCULATIONS

 Additional Computation Sheets Attached

Measured Method: According to Administrative Application Processing Memo #17 the standard diversion rate/acre for the irrigation of 5 acres or less is 0.03 cfs/acre. I am recommending a 0.12 cfs diversion rate.

$(4.1 \text{ acres}) * (0.03 \text{ cfs/acre}) = 0.123 \text{ or } 0.12 \text{ cfs rounded.}$

Administrative Application Processing Memo #17 Calculation = 0.12 cfs

Permit allowed = 0.12 cfs

Total Recommendation = 0.12 cfs

F. VOLUME CALCULATIONS

1. Volume Calculations for Irrigation:

$V_{I.R.} = (\text{Acres Irrigated}) \times (\text{Irrigation Requirement}) = \underline{\text{See Comment}}$

$V_{D.R.} = [\text{Diversion Rate (cfs)}] \times (\text{Days in Irrigation season}) \times 1.9835 = \underline{\text{See Comment}}$

$V = \text{Smaller of } V_{I.R.} \text{ and } V_{D.R.} = \underline{\text{See Comment}}$

2. Volume Calculations for Other Uses: N/A

Comments: This permit authorized irrigation from a natural flowing river for irrigation. According to the IDAPA Beneficial Use Examination Rules 37.03.02.035.01h.i.vii a recorded diversion volume is not required at licensing for permit authorizing diversion from a natural flowing river/stream or spring for irrigation. I am not recommending a diversion volume.

G. PURPOSE OF USEIrrigation ☒ Y ☐ N # Stock N/A Domestic # of Homes N/AChange in Purpose of Use? ☐ Y ☒ X ☐ NMethod of Determination: GIS, Idaho Tax Parcel Data, 2025 Aerial Imagery, the permit holders Proof Statement, and phone conversation with the permit holder on July 30th, 2026.**H. NARRATIVE/REMARKS/COMMENTS**

This permit would not normally qualify for an in-office licensing examination because the permit authorized more than 5 acres. However, the permit holder confirmed only 4.5 acres of irrigation was actually developed. Therefore, actual development would qualify for an in-office examination. After an initial review of 2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery and the permit holders Proof Statement, it was difficult to determine total irrigated acres. After a phone conversation with the permit holder, they were able to provide a better description of acres irrigated with surface water. The permit holder confirmed ½ an acre around the home is irrigated using groundwater under the domestic exemption. According to 2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery and phone conversation with the permit holder on July 30th, 2026, 4.1 acres of irrigation was developed within the development period.

0.7 acres of confirmed irrigation occurred within PLSS legal description, Section 7 NWNE, not authorized on the permit. Therefore, an amendment is required to change the POU, WR 2-2072, under the ownership of the Opaline Irrigation District according to Department records, overlaps the permitted POU. The permit holders indicated on their application for permit they have shares with Opaline Irrigation District, but they cannot be delivered. Therefore, there is no reason to limit use when combined with 2-2072. A condition on the permit requires the installation of a measuring device and lockable controlling works. The permit holder confirmed the installation of lockable device during the same phone conversation on July 30th, 2026. This condition is used on permits authorizing diversion greater than 0.20 cfs within an active water district. Since the permit authorized a diversion rate less than 0.20 cfs and is not within an active water district I recommend the condition be removed.

The standards set in Administrative Application Processing Memo #17 was utilized to make a diversion rate recommendation. Since the permit authorized irrigation diverting from a natural flowing river a recorded diversion volume is not required at licensing according to the IDAPA Beneficial Use Examination Rules 37.03.02.035.01h.i.vii. All conditions of permit approval have been met, and development of beneficial use was confirmed within authorization on the permit. Therefore, I am recommending a 0.12 cfs diversion rate.

Condition 01M should remain on the license. Condition R65 should be changed to R69 because confirmed irrigation was less than 5 acres. Condition 121 should be changed to 103 as is standard with licensing. Condition 01J should be removed because authorized diversion under the permit and license is less than 0.20 cfs and the POD is not within an active water district.

Have conditions of permit approval been met? ☒ X Yes ☐ No**I. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Recommended Amounts:

<u>BENEFICIAL USE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>	<u>DIVERSION RATE</u>
Irrigation	03/01 – 11/15	0.12 CFS
Totals:		0.12 CFS

2. Recommended Amendments:

☐ Change P.D. as reflected above ☐ Add P.D. as reflected above ☒ X None☐ Change P.U. as reflected above ☒ X Add P.U. as reflected above ☐ None**J. AUTHENTICATION**Field Examiner: **Skyler Cheever – Water Resource Agent, Sr – State Office**

Field Examiner's



Date

7/31/2026

Reviewer



Date

8/6/2026

Field Exam Map

Map showing the authorized point of diversion (yellow point) and place of use (orange outline).

