

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

A. GENERAL INFORMATIONExam Date: 8/4/2026

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

Comment: This permit would not normally meet the requirements for an in-office licensing examination because it authorized irrigation storage and irrigation from storage. However, the applicant indicated on their Statement of Completion for Proof of Beneficial Use (Proof Statement) only recreation storage and fire protection storage was developed. Therefore, actual beneficial use development would qualify for an in-office examination.

2. Current Owner: Mike Gabba

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: C127480

4. Source: Unnamed Stream Tributary: Pend Oreille River

Method of Determination: GIS, Idaho Tax Parcel Data, and the permit holders 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
96-9474	Unnamed Stream	Wildlife Storage	License

Comments: Water Right (WR) 96-9474 overlaps the permitted place of use (POU) and is under the ownership of the permit holder according to Department records. A condition on the permit limits the annual storage volume when combined with the existing WR to 6.5 af. I recommend a similar condition remain on the license matching the total volume recommendation.

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

Water Right No.	Source	Purpose of Use	Basis
96-9474	Unnamed Stream	Wildlife Storage	

Comments: Water Right (WR) 96-9474 overlaps the permitted point of diversion (POD) and is under the ownership of the permit holder according to Department records. A condition on the permit limits the annual storage volume when combined with the existing WR to 6.5 af. I recommend a similar condition remain on the license matching the total volume recommendation.

C. DIVERSION AND DELIVERY SYSTEM

1. Location of Point(s) of Diversion:

Source	Govt. Lot	¼	¼	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.		County
Unnamed Stream	7	NE	NW	26	56N	05W	B.M.	Bonner

Method of Determination: GIS and Idaho Tax Parcel Data.

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

2. Place of Use: Recreation Storage, Fire Protection Storage

TWP	RGE	Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
56N	05W	26					X												
		Lot #					7												

Method of Determination: GIS and Idaho Tax Parcel Data, and 2026 Bonner County/2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery.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). X 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 AttachedMeasured Method: See Comment

Measurement = See Comment

Permit allowed = See Comment

Total Recommendation = See Comment

Comments: The permitted existing pond is in-stream and flow through according to the permit holders application for permit and aerial imagery. Therefore, I am not making a diversion rate recommendation.

F. VOLUME CALCULATIONS

1. Volume Calculations for Irrigation:

$$V = (\text{Acres Irrigated}) \times (\text{Irrigation Requirement}) = \underline{\text{N/A}}$$

I.R.

$$V = [\text{Diversion Rate (cfs)}] \times (\text{Days in Irrigation season}) \times 1.9835 = \underline{\text{N/A}}$$

D.R.

$$V = \text{Smaller of } V_{\text{I.R.}} \text{ and } V_{\text{D.R.}} = \underline{\text{N/A}}$$

2. Volume Calculations for Other Uses: The pond existed prior to the application for this permit, under existing WR 96-9474. 2026 Bonner County/2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery confirms the dimensions of the pond remain unchanged from the application proposal and pond analysis. Since no water will be diverted from the pond the storage volume on the license should be reduced to the capacity, 1.6 af, and volume for evaporative losses, 0.4 af, or 2.0 af total. I am recommending a 2.0 af storage volume for recreation storage, fire protection storage, and total.

Comments: N/A

G. PURPOSE OF USEIrrigation Y X N # Stock N/A Domestic # of Homes N/AOther: Recreation Storage and Fire Protection StorageChange in Purpose of Use? Y X NMethod of Determination: GIS, Idaho Tax Parcel Data, 2026 Bonner County/2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery, and the permit holders Proof Statement.**H. NARRATIVE/REMARKS/COMMENTS**

This permit would normally not qualify for in-office licensing examination because the permit authorized irrigation storage and irrigation from storage. However, the permit holder confirmed only recreation and fire protection storage was developed on their Proof Statement. Therefore, an in-office examination is possible for actual developed beneficial use. According to 2026 Bonner County Aerial Imagery, 2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery, and the permit holders Proof Statement recreation storage and fire protection storage were developed within the development period. WR 96-9474 overlaps the permitted POU and diverts from the same POD. A condition on the permit limits use when combined to the authorization on the permit. I recommend a similar condition be added to the license matching the total volume recommendation.

A condition on the permit requires the installation a fish screen meeting the fish screening and passage requirements of the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game. The permit holder did not indicate a fish screen was installed on their Proof Statement. However, since the pond is in-stream and flow through it does not seem appropriate for a fish screen to be installed. Therefore, I recommend the condition be removed from the license. The original pond analysis was utilized to make a storage volume recommendation. Since the developed pond is in stream and flow through I am not recommending a diversion rate. 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 2.0 af storage volume for recreation storage, fire protection storage and total.

Conditions F06, 218, 220, condition #7 on the permit, and 004 should remain on the license. Condition 259 should be changed to 219 because developed use no longer includes a "from storage" component. Condition R58 should be removed because irrigation storage and irrigation from storage were not developed. Condition 029 should be removed from the license because the pond system is in-stream and flow through. Therefore, a fish screen would not be appropriate.

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

1. Recommended Amounts:

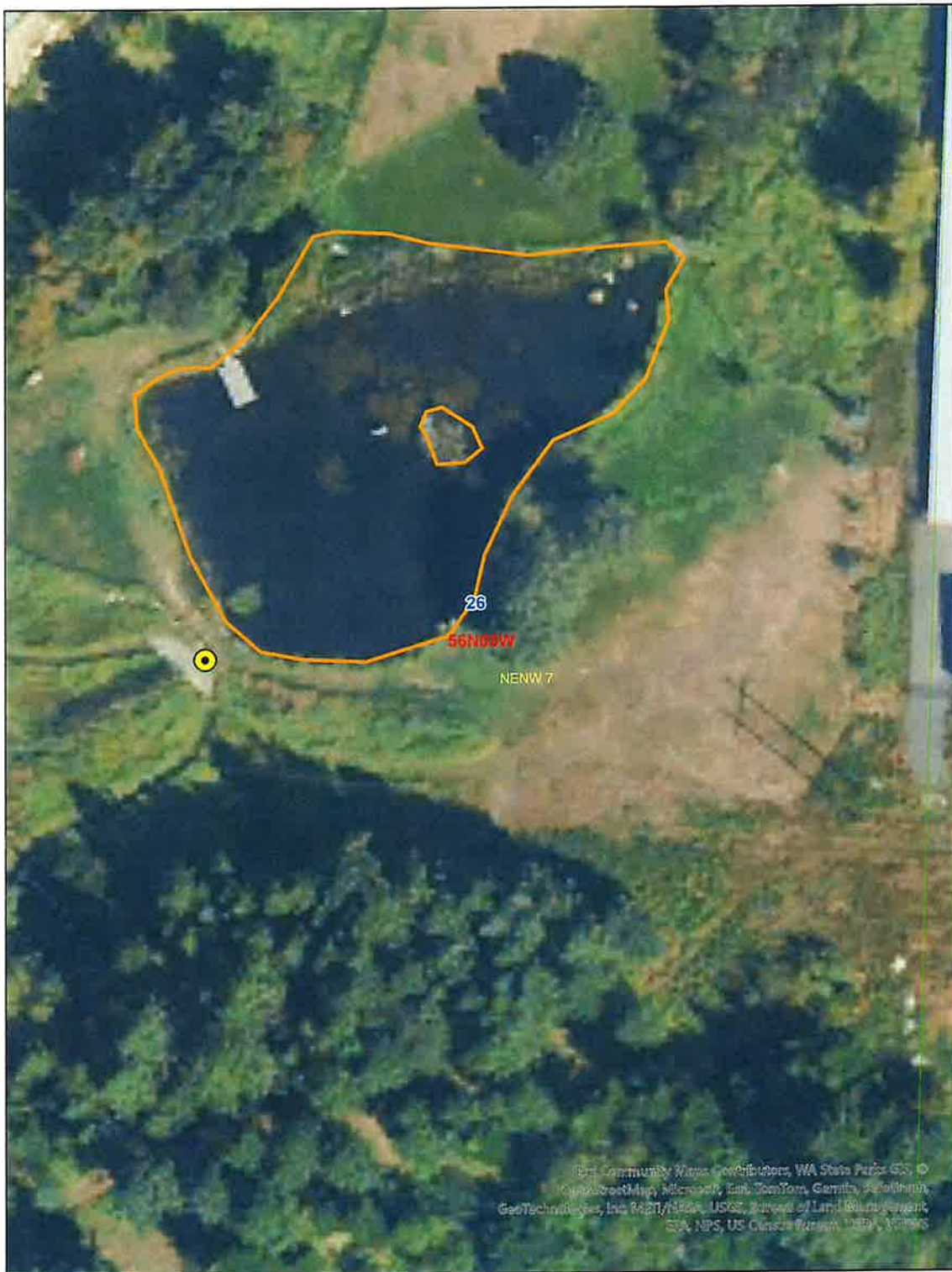
<u>BENEFICIAL USE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>	<u>ANNUAL VOLUME</u>
Recreation Storage	01/01 – 12/31	2.0 AF
Fire Protection Storage	01/01 – 12/31	2.0 AF
Totals:		2.0 AF

2. Recommended Amendments:

 Change P.D. as reflected above Add P.D. as reflected above X None Change P.U. as reflected above Add P.U. as reflected above X None**J. AUTHENTICATION**Field Examiner: **Skyler Cheever – Water Resource Agent, Sr – State Office**Field Examiner's  Date 8/14/2026Reviewer  Date 8/31/2026

Field Exam Map

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



2026 Bonner County Aerial Imagery

