

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

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Exam Date: 8/7/2026

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. X Storage of up to 14.6 AF for stockwater, recreation, aesthetic, and wildlife purposes.
- c. Any use other than irrigation or storage, if the combined diversion rate is 0.24 cfs or less
- d. Other < >

Comment: N/A

2. Current Owner: Eckhardt Family LLLP
 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: C127571

4. Source: Unnamed Creek
Tributary: Jenkins Creek

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
67-15309	Unnamed Stream	Stockwater	Decree

Comments: Water Right (WR) 67-15309 overlaps the permitted place of use (POU), authorizes diversion from the same source, and is owned by the permit holder according to Department records. However, since the existing WR does not authorize storage there is no reason to limit use when combined with the existing WR.

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

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

Comments: There are no other WR overlapping the permitted point of diversion (POD).

C. DIVERSION AND DELIVERY SYSTEM

1. Location of Point(s) of Diversion:

Source	Govt. Lot	¼	¼	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.		County
Unnamed Stream		SE	SW	36	13N	06W	B.M.	Washington
Unnamed Stream	3	NE	NW	1	12N	06W	B.M.	Washington

Method of Determination: GIS and Idaho Tax Parcel Data.

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

2. Place of Use: Stockwater Storage

[illegible]

Method of Determination: GIS, Idaho Tax Parcel Data, a phone conversation with the permit holder on August 6th, 2026, and 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)☒ 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 AttachedMeasured Method: See Comment

Measurement = See comment

Permit allowed = See Comment

Total Recommendation = See comment

Comments: The existing pond is instream and flow through. Therefore, I am not recommending a diversion rate because there would no actual diversion taking place.

F. VOLUME CALCULATIONS

1. Volume Calculations for Irrigation:

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

I.R.

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

D.R.

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

2. Volume Calculations for Other Uses: 2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery and Google Earth Historic Imagery indicate that the pond was existing prior to when the application for permit was filed and has not changed dimensions since. Therefore, the pond analysis provided with the application for permit can be used to make a storage volume recommendation. I am recommending a 3.0 af storage volume.

Application for Permit Pond Analysis = 3.0 AF

Total Recommendation = 3.0 AF

Comments: N/A

G. PURPOSE OF USE

Irrigation ☐ Y ☒ X ☐ N # Stock N/A Domestic # of Homes N/A

Other: Stockwater Storage (200 cow-calf pairs)

Change in Purpose of Use? ☐ Y ☒ X ☐ NMethod of Determination: GIS, Idaho Tax Parcel Data, 2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery, a phone conversation with the permit holder on August 6th, 2026, and the permit holders Proof Statement.

H. NARRATIVE/REMARKS/COMMENTS

This permit qualifies of an in-office licensing examination. The permit authorized stockwater storage and stockwater from storage for an existing in-stream pond diverting from an unnamed stream tributary to Jenkins Creek. 2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery did not indicate water was diverted from the pond. After a phone conversation with the permit holder on August 8th, 2026, they confirmed no water is diverted from the pond and livestock drink directly from the pond. Therefore, I recommend stockwater from storage be removed from the license. 2025 NAIP Aerial Imagery nor Google Earth Historic Imagery indicated livestock drinking from the pond. However, the property containing the pond and several others spans a vast area. Evidence of livestock including trails and grazing is evident. Therefore, it seems likely livestock have utilized the pond within the development period.

Water Right (WR) 67-15309 overlaps the permitted POU, authorizes diversion from the same source, and is owned by the permit holder according to Department records. However, since the existing WR does not authorize storage there is no reason to limit use when combined with the existing WR. There are no other WR's overlapping the POD. The pond was existing prior to the application for permit, and the dimensions are unchanged according to Google Earth Historical Imagery. Therefore, the pond analysis conducted for the application for permit was utilized to make a storage volume recommendation. 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 3.0 af storage volume.

Conditions 219, 220, and 020 should remain on the license. Condition 121 should be changed to 103 as is standard with licensing. Condition X02 should be removed as is standard with licensing.

Have conditions of permit approval been met? ☒ Yes ☐ No

I. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommended Amounts:

<u>BENEFICIAL USE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>	<u>ANNUAL VOLUME</u>
Stockwater Storage	01/01 – 12/31	3.0 AF
	<u>Totals:</u>	3.0 AF

2. Recommended Amendments:

☐ Change P.D. as reflected above ☐ Add P.D. as reflected above ☒ None

☐ Change P.U. as reflected above ☐ Add P.U. as reflected above ☒ None

J. AUTHENTICATION

Field Examiner: Skyler Cheever – Water Resource Agent, Sr – State Office

Field Examiner's  Date 8/7/2026

Reviewer  Date 8/31/2026

Field Exam Map

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

