

Forfeiture Recommendation Statement for Claim 11-7291

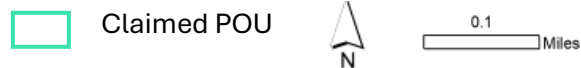
Background & Legal Basis

Under Idaho code water rights are subject to forfeiture if not put to beneficial use for five consecutive years. Partial forfeiture applies to a portion of a right that has been unused during that period.

Assessment of Forfeiture

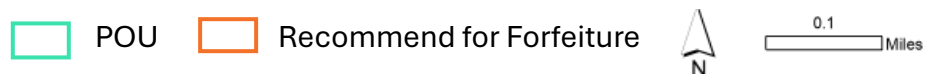
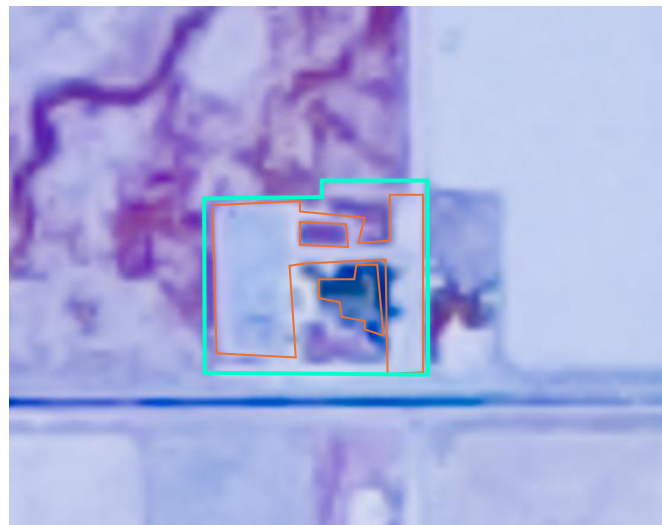
- Historical Use:**

Analysis indicates that, of the original 1-acre licensed, only 0.60-acres have been continuously used, with no five-year period of non-beneficial use observed.



- Unused Portion:**

First visible in 1987 imagery is the western parking lot, north driveway, additional walkways, and building expansion (roughly outlined in orange).



- **Partial Forfeiture Applicable:**

The unused portion qualifies for partial forfeiture under established IDWR policy, as described in guidance document, Multiple Programs Memo No. 2: “Forfeiture of a portion of a water right may occur if beneficial use is reduced for the statutory period”

Recommendation

Based on the foregoing:

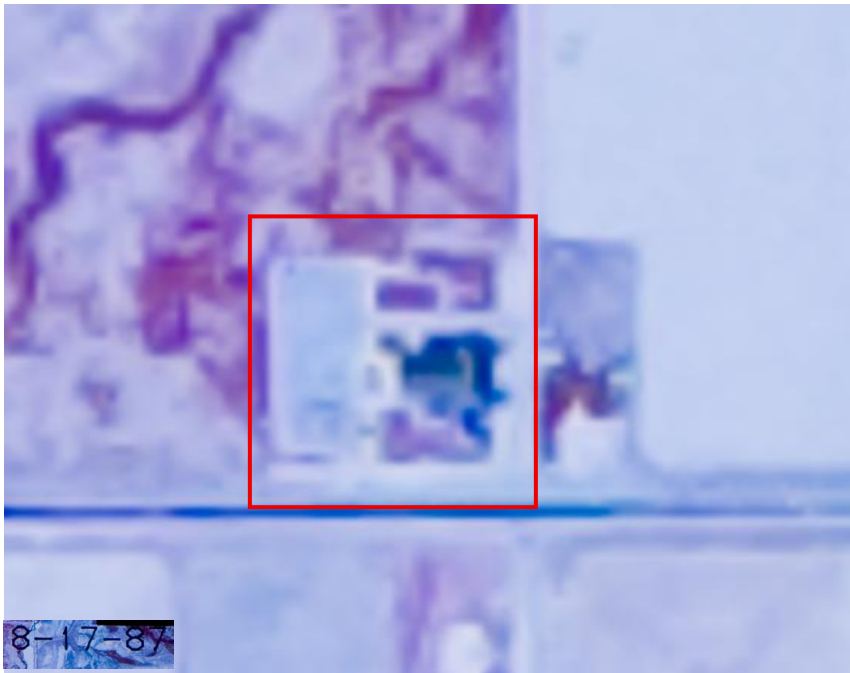
- **Forfeit the unused portion** of the water right effective August 17, 1987.

Retain the active portion: 0.60 acres with a 0.018 cfs and volume 1.80 ac-ft to reflect the licensed rate of 0.03 cfs per acre and volume of 3.00 ac-ft. Rate was determined by the flowing: $0.30 \text{ cfs} / 1.00 \text{ ac} \rightarrow 0.03 \text{ cfs} / 0.10 \text{ ac} \rightarrow 0.03 * 0.60 = 0.018$. Volume was determined by the following: $3.00 \text{ ac-ft} / 1.00 \text{ ac} \rightarrow 0.30 \text{ ac-ft} / 0.10 \text{ ac} \rightarrow 0.30 * 0.60 = 1.80 \text{ ac-ft}$.

Supporting Documentation



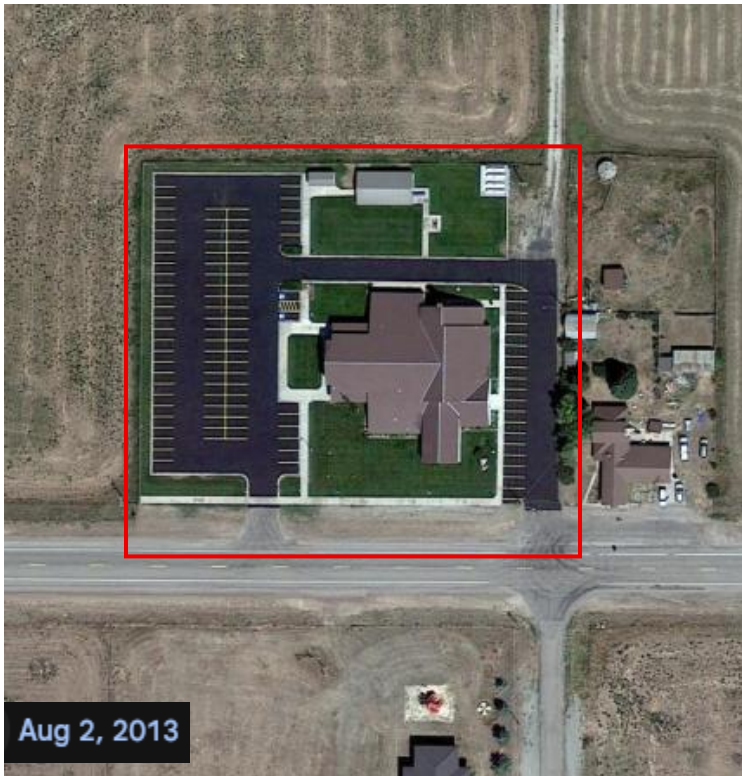
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Images from Google Earth and USGS Earth Explorer



Conclusion

Implementing this recommendation will align the water right with Idaho law, ensuring efficient use of public water resources and accurate representation of current beneficial use.

Respectfully submitted,

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