



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
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Governor Brad Little

Director Mathew Weaver

October 5, 2026

CITY OF CHUBBUCK
ATTN: MAYOR BURCH
290 E LINDON AVE
CHUBBUCK, ID 83202

RE: Removal of Point of Diversion from Ground Water Rights Nos. 29-2385, 29-2413, 29-2469, 29-7624, 29-8188, 29-8229, 29-8230, 29-14012, 29-14013, 29-14016, 29-14054, 29-14055, 29-14056, 29-14058, 29-14080, 29-14081, 29-14082, 29-14096, 29-14097, 29-14099, 29-14106, and 29-14107.

Mayor Burch:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) received your letter requesting to remove a well as an authorized point of diversion from the City of Chubbuck's 22 ground water rights. According to your letter, the point of diversion you are requesting to remove is associated with a well that has been abandoned because it reached its service life and is no longer needed. The point of diversion to be removed from the water rights is located in Lot 4 (NENWNW), Sec 11, T06S, R34E. The Department has processed your request and removed the abandoned well as an authorized point of diversion from the water rights listed above.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 208-497-3777 or by email at blake.jordan@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Blake Jordan
Water Resources Program Manager



Office of the Mayor

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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
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September 25, 2026

Mr. Blake Jordan
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
900 N. Skyline Drive, Suite A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Subject: Request to Remove Point of Diversion from Water Rights

Dear Mr. Jordan,

In the spring of 2025, the City of Chubbuck abandoned our municipal well, Well No. 1, because it had reached the end of its service life and was no longer needed. The abandonment was completed following Idaho Department of Environmental Quality requirements utilizing a grant from DEQ. The City's Well No. 1 was located in Bistline Park at 679 East Chubbuck Road in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 34 East, Boise Meridian, Idaho. The attached Report Form includes descriptions and photos of the work.

Now that the well has been abandoned, we are requesting IDWR update the records to show that this point of diversion will no longer be utilized and remove it from the City's water rights. The City understands that the removal of this point of diversion will have no effect on the allowable volume or diversion rate of the City's overall water rights. If that is incorrect, please notify us of the impact.

It is our understanding that this is the City's only diversion point that is located within Water District 129. Therefore, we will contact the Water District and request that they update their records to reflect the removal of this point of diversion.

Please contact me if any additional information or documentation is needed to process this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rodney T. Burch".

Rodney T. Burch
Mayor

rtburch@cityofchubbuck.us

**Well 1 Abandonment in coordination with DEQ and The Source Water
Protection Grant Program**



Start Date: 4/8/2025



Completion Date: 5/27/2025

Source Water Protection Grant: Final Report Form

The Source Water Protection Grant program requires that sub-grant recipients complete a final report prior to final payment and closeout. Please complete the following and submit to Curtis Cooper at Scott.Short@DEQ.idaho.gov and accountspayable@deq.idaho.gov, or mail to Scott Short, Groundwater Bureau Chief, at 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Sub-grant Agreement #:	6547-00	Date:	5/22/2025
Total Grant Funds Awarded:	\$16,000	Organization Name:	City of Chubbuck
Total Grant Funds Spent:	\$15,980.68	Project Name:	Well 1 Abandonment

1. Was the project completed as described in the work plan? If not, please explain why and what was changed or modified.

The project was completed with the building removal and 14,500 lbs of bentonite placed in the well from 305' to 3' below grade where it was cut and capped below grade with a welded top cap. The site was then backfilled, and sod was placed on top.

2. Briefly describe how the final outcome of this project will benefit source water protection.

This project will greatly help secure the aquifer from contamination with a proper abandonment on a well that had reached its life span and was no longer in use.

3. Specify any unanticipated positive and/or negative project developments or outcomes, if applicable.

Another positive outcome besides securing the aquifer was the removal of the well building from the park that had recently started to get graffiti several times and a significant amount of paint and labor to cover the artistry left behind.

4. Please provide photos of the completed project, and/or reports or materials developed as an outcome of the project.

See attached report with photos of before and after.

ID NUMBER ID6030008

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State of Idaho Department of Water Resources
AUTHORIZATION TO ABANDON (DECOMMISSION) A WELL

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1. WELL OWNER INFORMATION: (The well owner is the person who legally owns the property.)

Name: Bridger Morrison- City of Chubbuck (208) 237-2400 Ext. 107

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Current Mailing Address: 290 E. Linden

City: Chubbuck

State: ID

Zip Code: 83202

Telephone: ()

2. WELL LOCATION: (GPS required in Degrees Decimal Minutes.)

Twp. T66S Rge R34E Sec. 3111E, 1/4 1/4 1/4

Gov't Lot No. County Bannock Lat 42°55'13.10"N Long 112°27'54"W 16.7124

Street Address of Well Location: 679 W. Chubbuck

City: Chubbuck

Lot, block and subdivision:

3. TYPE OF WELL

☐ DOMESTIC ☐ MONITORING ☐ IRRIGATION ☒ OTHER Public Water System Supply Well (Describe)

4. WELL INFORMATION: (*Casing size, well depth & static water level data are required.)

Well Tag Number: EC007394

Previous Drilling Permit Number: 790811

Water Right Number:

Well Log on File? (Provide if available) ☒ Yes ☐ No Temperature: ☒ less than 85°F ☐ greater than 85°F

*Casing Size: 12" to 10" @ 150' *Material: Steel *Well Depth 305' (measured)

*Current Static Water Level: 104' (measured) Flowing Artesian? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. REASON FOR ABANDONMENT OF WELL:

The well is at the end of its lifetime, the casing is about ruined with no way to repair it per evaluation performed 5/15/2016

6. PROPOSED METHOD OF ABANDONMENT: (Must be consistent with IDAPA 37.03.09. This Application must be reviewed prior to commencement of abandonment.)

PLACE BENTONITE FROM 305' UP TO 3' BY TREAME METHOD. CUT CASING OFF BELOW GROUND AND WELL METAL

PLATE ON IT

7. Drilling company name: JACK CUSHMAN DRILLING INC. company lic. No. 94

8. Date of abandonment: 3/18/2025

9. Applicants signature: 

10. Title: PRESIDENT

date: 3/12/2025

ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

This application for abandonment has been reviewed by IDWR on 3/12/2025

This review does not constitute an endorsement by IDWR of the proper abandonment of this well. Pursuant to Section 42-238(12), Idaho Code, all abandonments must meet the requirements of the Administrative Rules for Well Construction Standards. Abandonment of this well will require the services of a well driller licensed in the State of Idaho unless a waiver has been granted.

Signature of Authorized Department Representative

State Water Resource Agent
Title

Active Water Right POD

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* Signature of Principal Driller and rig operator are required.

