

## Westra, John

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**From:** Westra, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2013 1:42 PM  
**To:** 'JACQUE WRAY'  
**Subject:** RE: Crane Creek Reservoir

Jacque:

Attached is the list of dams requested. Prior, the Little dam had a priority of 1890's but it looks like it is now 1918 under the SRBA decree making it junior. This is again my best shot on the reservoirs. If there are other reservoirs that jump out let me know.

If the Board decides to make a water call on the junior storage rights, the call would have to be submitted to the Department Director for consideration.

Keep in touch,

John W.

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**From:** JACQUE WRAY [<mailto:wrayjacque@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2013 2:05 PM  
**To:** Westra, John  
**Subject:** Crane Creek Reservoir

Good afternoon, John,

I hope you had a good Memorial weekend. We stayed home and just lounged around.

First of all, thank you for having all the information I requested last time we spoke forwarded via e-mail. It was really helpful and I appreciate your help. Thus, I'm asking for your help again. Could you provide me with a list of the names and addresses of the people who have dams ahead of the reservoir on Hog Creek, North Crane, South Crane, Milk Creek, and any of the others streams that flow into the reservoir?

We are planning a meeting in Midvale with all the users who take their water directly from the creeks or pump directly from the reservoir as well as those who have put in the dams. We plan to have Brandy Horton there as well. We merely want to explain to the users what our water rights are and what their rights are and in what order. We want to explain that we have no intention of changing their water rights, but merely make sure water is used in the proper order and ordered when necessary.

Those who pump water directly from the reservoir who do not already have an agreement with the Board, will be requested to enter into one allowing them to take their storage water out before it flows into the reservoir.

As far as those with dams whose rights are far inferior to the Boards, I'm hopeful that we can come to some agreement with them that they don't start diverting the water until the reservoir reaches a certain level. When the reservoir reaches a point where we are certain that we will have enough for the current irrigation season, even though the reservoir has not filled, we would have no objection to them diverting the water into their dams, but we do have an obligation to protect the water owned by the users.

As you requested when I asked you to write those letter after we got our decree, we want to be reasonable and work with the other users. I think perhaps it would be much easier for them to not divert the water in the first place than to have to release the water once it is stored. We're already worried about next year inasmuch as the reservoir didn't fill this year. So far we've lucked out in that we haven't had to start using the storage water down here in the Weiser area as yet, but the river is dropping rapidly and I know we'll be starting the first part of June.

I finally have three users who use directly from the reservoir or streams actually ordering water, but in talking to them, they just don't understand the priority of things. One said well, I have a 1967 right so I can use all the water I want. Think it's education time and that's why we want to have a meeting.

When I have a date, place and time, if you would like to come, we'd love to have you there, but know how busy you are.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Jacque Wray, Secretary  
Crane Creek Reservoir Administration Board

Sent from Windows Mail

# Irrigation Storage Junior to Crane Reservoir

Right No.	Name	Priority	Storage Volume	Legal Location	Acreage (Ac.)	Res Name
67-11763	Little	10/29/1918	224 ac-ft	10N-01W-Sec 02	127	Little Res
67-10013	Soulen Livestock	12/31/1935	630 ac-ft	11N- 02W- Sec 34	200	Soulen Res.
67-7112	C. & H Zeising	10/10/1972	90 ac-ft	13N- 02W- Sec 11	96	Courtright Res.
67-7281	J. Cada	7/23/1976	75 ac-ft	11N- 02W- Sec 2	126.5	Land Res.
67-7333	M & T Perry	5/31/1977	68 ac-ft	11N- 02W- Sec 2	73.6	Craig Res.
67-7451	James Family Part.	7/18/1979	280 ac-ft	13N- 02W- Sec 26	198	Bruce Res.

Totals	1367ac-ft	821.1 acres
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## IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Water Right Report 67-2383

WATER RIGHT NUMBER: 67-2383

Owner Type                      Name and Address  
 Current Owner                  WALTER C LITTLE  
    EMMETT, ID 83617

Priority Date: 08/29/1918

Basis: License

Status: Active

Source                                      Tributary  
 NORTH CRANE CREEK                      WEISER RIVER  
 UNNAMED STREAM                        WEISER RIVER

<u>Beneficial Use</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Annual Volume</u>
IRRIGATION FROM STORAGE	1/01	to 12/31		224.00 AF
IRRIGATION	2/01	to 5/01	1.270 CFS	224.00 AF
IRRIGATION STORAGE	1/01	to 12/31		224.00 AF
	<u>Total Diversion:</u>			280.00 AF

Location of Point(s) of Diversion

NORTH CRANE CREEK	SE1/4SE1/4	Sec. 2,	Twp 10N,	Rge 01W, B.M.
WASHINGTON County				
UNNAMED STREAM	SE1/4SW1/4	Sec. 1,	Twp 10N,	Rge 01W, B.M.
WASHINGTON County				

Place of Use

IRRIGATION FROM 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	
10N	01W	2	20.0			15.0									12.0				47.0
11N	01W	35									15.0	15.0			25.0			25.0	80.0

Total Acres: 127

IRRIGATION same as IRRIGATION FROM STORAGEConditions of Approval:

1. SHOULD BE CONSIDERED LICENSED UNDER RIGHT 67-2382.

Remarks:

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Comments:

Water Supply Bank:

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Water Right Report 67-7226

WATER RIGHT NUMBER: 67-7226

<u>Owner Type</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>
Current Owner	SOULEN LIVESTOCK CO 1760 FAIRMONT DR WEISER, ID 83672 (208)549-1878
Original Owner	ROBERT O SWAIN

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Priority Date: 11/05/1974

Basis: Decreed

Status: Active

<u>Source</u>	<u>Tributary</u>
COVE CREEK	WEISER RIVER
UNNAMED STREAMS	COVE CREEK

<u>Beneficial Use</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Annual Volume</u>
IRRIGATION FROM STORAGE	04/01	to 10/15		276.00 AF
STOCKWATER STORAGE	01/01	to 12/31		4.10 AF
STOCKWATER FROM STORAGE	01/01	to 12/31		4.10 AF
IRRIGATION STORAGE	04/01	to 10/15		276.00 AF
	<u>Total Diversion:</u>		0.000 CFS	276.00 AF

Location of Point(s) of Diversion

COVE CREEK	NW1/4SW1/4	Sec. 23, Twp 11N, Rge 03W, B.M.
WASHINGTON County		
UNNAMED STREAMS	SW1/4SW1/4	Sec. 26, Twp 11N, Rge 03W, B.M.
WASHINGTON County		

Place of Use

IRRIGATION FROM 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	
11N	03W	22																21.0	21.0
11N	03W	23											2.0						2.0
11N	03W	27	6.0	12.0	15.0					23.0		18.0	30.0	8.0	26.0	4.0	8.0		150.0
11N	03W	28															7.0		7.0

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11N 03W 33		20.0						20.0
11N 03W 34				17.0				17.0

Total Acres: 217

STOCKWATER FROM STORAGE same as IRRIGATION  
FROM STORAGE

Conditions of Approval:

1. X02 Stockwater use is for 250 range cattle.
2. C18 This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as may be ultimately determined by the Court at a point in time no later than the entry of a final unified decree. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.

Remarks:

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Water Right Report 67-7226

Comments:

1. mcase 7/22/2004 POU  
Comment: Updated Shape
2. mcase 7/22/2004 POU  
Comment: Updated PLS
3. mcase 7/22/2004 POU  
Comment: Claimed Purpose of Use did not match claimed POU Purpose of Use. I added the claimed PLS for the POU under Irrigation from Storage. The shape was created using the PLS description. It needs to be trimmed down to the proper acreage.
4. mcase 7/22/2004 POD  
Comment: Updated shape
5. mcase 7/22/2004 POD  
Comment: Updated shape
6. mcase 7/22/2004 Period Of Use  
Comment: Licensed period of use is 3/15 to 11/15. Claimed 4/01 to 10/31. Standard Season of Use is 3/1 to 11/15 or 3/15 to 10/31 (depending on area of POU. I did not know what to recommend.
7. mcase 7/22/2004 Quantity  
Comment: Licensed for annual diversion of 276 AF. Claimed 800 AF for irrigation and 200 AF. for stock. I recommended licensed volume. Could not verify flow of diversion to storage.
8. mcase 7/22/2004 POU  
Comment: Updated Shape
9. mcase 7/22/2004 POU  
Comment: Updated Shape
10. mcase 7/22/2004 POU  
Comment: Updated Shape
11. mcase 7/22/2004 POU  
Comment: Updated PLS
12. dfavreau 10/4/2006 POD  
Comment: Used PODs previously digitized
13. dfavreau 10/4/2006 POU  
Comment: Used previous shape developed by morgan (217 acres). Did not update PLSS
14. dfavreau 10/4/2006 Period of use  
Comment: recommended as licensed

Water Supply Bank:



## IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Water Right Report 67-11763

WATER RIGHT NUMBER: 67-11763

<u>Owner Type</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>
Original Owner	WALTER C LITTLE  EMMETT, ID 83617
Current Owner	MARY K LITTLE 6405 LITTLE LN NEW PLYMOUTH, ID 83655 (208)278-5495
Original Owner	EVELYN J LITTLE 6420 LITTLE RD NEW PLYMOUTH, ID 83655 (208)278-5505
Current Owner	W ROBERT LITTLE 6405 LITTLE LN NEW PLYMOUTH, ID 83655 (208)278-5495

Priority Date: 10/29/1918

Basis: Decreed

Status: Active

<u>Source</u>	<u>Tributary</u>
CABIN CREEK	CRANE CREEK, NORTH FORK
NORTH CRANE CREEK	CRANE CREEK

<u>Beneficial Use</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Annual Volume</u>
IRRIGATION STORAGE	01/01	to 12/31		224.00 AF
IRRIGATION FROM STORAGE	03/15	to 10/31		224.00 AF
IRRIGATION	03/15	to 10/31	2.540 CFS	
	<u>Total Diversion:</u>		2.540 CFS	224.00 AF

Location of Point(s) of Diversion

CABIN CREEK	NW1/4SE1/4SW1/4	Sec. 1, Twp 10N, Rge 01W, B.M.
WASHINGTON County		
NORTH CRANE CREEK	NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4	Sec. 2, Twp 10N, Rge 01W, B.M.
WASHINGTON County		
NORTH CRANE CREEK	SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4	Sec. 35, Twp 11N, Rge 01W, B.M.
WASHINGTON County		

Place of Use

IRRIGATION STORAGE

Twp	Rge	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	Totals
10N	01W	1	NE	NW	SW	SE	
					X		

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10N 01W 2										X	
10N 01W 11		X									
10N 01W 12				X							

Total Acres: 127

## IRRIGATION

Twp Rge Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
10N 01W 2	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	51.0
	26.0			18.0									7.0				
	L 1																
11N 01W 35													25.0			31.0	56.0
11N 01W 36									12.0	8.0							20.0

Total Acres: 127

IRRIGATION FROM STORAGE same as IRRIGATION  
STORAGE

Conditions of Approval:

1. C03 Right includes accomplished change in point of diversion pursuant to Section 42-1425, Idaho Code.
2. C18 This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as may be ultimately determined by the Court at a point in time no later than the entry of a final unified decree. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.

Remarks:

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Comments:

1. csaxton 8/8/2006 Source (1)

Comment: Source was defined as un-named stream. It is actually called Cabin Creek. Source did not actually change so no C03.

2. csaxton 8/8/2006 Source (2)

Comment: Source claimed as Crane Creek, North Fork - trib to Weiser. USGS defines source as North Crane Creek trib to Crane Creek. Recommend per USGS. Source did not actually change.

3. csaxton 8/8/2006 Copied From Claim (1)

Comment: PUMP NEAR HOUSE WAS PLACED IN A DIVERSION DAM 35 YEARS AGO, FIRST WITH PTO ON THE TRACTOR AND NOW WITH ELECTRICITY WITH ITS AVAILABILITY.

THIS RIGHT IS COMBINED FROM 67-02382 AND 67-02383 BOTH OF WHICH HAD THE SAME DATE OF PRIORITY, ONE FOR FLOW RIGHT, ONE FOR THE STORAGE WATER.

CABIN CREEK WAS ADDED TO THIS CLAIM VIA THE AMENDMENT IN LIGHT OF THE PROOF OF BENEFICIAL USE THAT WAS SUBMITTED. THE SUBSEQUENT LICENSE FOR 67-02382 DID NOT INCLUDE THIS SOURCE FOR THE REASON THAT PERMIT DID NOT HAVE IT AS A SOURCE. NO LICENSE WAS EVER ISSUED FOR 67-02383 THAT DID HAVE CABIN CREEK AS A SOURCE, BUT A MEMORANDUM IN 1968 DIRECTED THE STORAGE COMPONENT WAS CONSIDERED COVERED BY THE PROOF FOR 67-02382, "THE SAME AS IF PROOFS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED AND CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE ISSUED." THE REPORT OF THE ENGINEER CONFIRMS THE DIVERSION OF CABIN CREEK WATER TO THE RESERVOIR.

4. csaxton 8/8/2006 Copied From Claim (2)

Comment: Amended claim received 3/16/2004. DB

5. csaxton 8/8/2006 Copied From Claim (3)

Comment: Amended POU acres. 30 acres in the W 1/2 of S-35 should be in S-36, per ownership change review. Appears to have been data entered incorrectly. DB 3/1/2004

6. csaxton 8/8/2006 Storage capacity

Comment: Storage acre foot volume recommended As claimed. WR record on data base shows 280 af of storage. Dam safty report shows 140 af without the flashboards, but with the flashboards then up to 200 af. Despite this difference recommend 224 as claimed because it is still less than licensed.

Water Supply Bank:

September 4, 2009

**TO: Water Storage Water Right Holders**

**RE: Calls for Water Storage by Senior Water Storage Rights on Crane Creek**

Dear Water Storage Owner:

This letter is to provide you general information on calls for water by senior storage water right holders on Crane Creek. Although the possibility of a call for water is remote, I want you to be informed of the process.

With the exception of a few water rights, the majority of water rights in the Weiser Basin have now been decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication process. Your reservoir is located within the Weiser River Water District #67 which regulates the basin surface water. The District operations are also under the supervision of our state agency.

Distribution of water in Idaho is managed by the water right priority date. The Watermaster delivers available water to users by priority date order with the most senior (oldest) first. In a drought/water short situation a senior water right holder may make a water call to satisfy their water short situation. The water district watermaster would in turn curtail junior rights to fulfill the senior water right. For more details on water district operations and distribution of water in Idaho, please review Idaho Code, Title 42, Chapter 6, (available on our website [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov)).

Recently, I had conversations with stakeholders downstream that hold early 1890's priority storage water rights. During a water short/drought year, they could make a water call for storage water held by junior rights specifically when their reservoir is not going to fill. Keep in mind, a water call is complex and requires our Director's review/approval. If approved, the District Watermaster may instruct you to curtail diversion and open your reservoir outlet gate to release storage downstream.

Enclosed is a proof of your water right that lists priority date and key parameters for your reference.

If you have questions or concerns, I would be glad to discuss them with you, please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

John Westra, Manager

Cc: B. Horton, Watermaster  
J. Wray,