

# SEARCHING FOR WATER RIGHTS ON THE INTERNET

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## IDWR INFORMATION

Water Right &/or Adjudication records are labeled with basin & sequence numbers.

The Boise River basin is # 63. A typical Boise River basin number looks like 63-1234 or some variation of that. Might include suffixes like 63-1234A and 63-1234B (if 63-1234 was split into two separate portions).

Water Right &/or Adjudication records are organized by location based on township, range, section and ¼ ¼ of section.

You can find points of diversion for water rights based on those locations.

You can find places of use for water rights based on those locations.

Any given right does not necessarily have the same location for point of diversion and place of use – they often differ.

## USING INTERNET

Website = [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov)

Click “on-line data” in upper left menu selection.

Then click “water right &/or adjudication search” to get started.

The search screen displays a map of Idaho and some gray tabs to select.

First select “all srba and water rights” to include all records.

Next click the “where” tab to start a search.

At the “where” screen, choose either “point of diversion” or “place of use” – do not select both since that limits the search to records with point of diversion and place of use having the same exact location.

Enter the township, range, section and ¼ ¼ (or can keep the area broader by just listing the ¼ section or just listing the entire section) to search for point of diversion records.

Click “search” to get results. Can click on individual records in the results for more details.

Repeat the search for place of use records using the same exact location.

That way you will find all records having either a point of diversion or a place of use in the selected location.

Repeat as above for other locations.

### **INTERPRETING RESULTS**

You might find multiple records with the same number. This probably means an older water right has been claimed in the adjudication. The adjudication claim generally would be assigned the same number as the old water right.

Generally, the adjudication record is considered the more current of multiple records having the same number.

An adjudication recommendation is considered more current than the adjudication claim (claims are recommended by IDWR for the Court to take final action on the adjudication record).

Ponds may or may not have specific water right &/or adjudication records associated with them. Many do and many don't. Most ponds require water rights but don't always have them. Some ponds do not require water rights (exempted situations &/or uses considered part of a water right that does not list the pond).

### **QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS? CONTACT:**

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