

## HISTORY OF LOWER SNAKE RIVER AQUIFER RECHARGE DISTRICT

There was a drop in the water flow at Weatherby Springs (Jones water right) from 73 cfs in November 1972 to 56 cfs in November 1976. This drop in water flow was alarming. Other spring users also were having reduced water flows and were concerned. New wells were being put in above the rim. We hired a lawyer and made formal protests to the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). The IDWR denied our protest.

At that time Thorleif Rangen, Earl Hardy, John LeMoyné, George Lemmon, and Bill Jones came to the conclusion that something positive should be done. There were no recharge statutes. We had to get a bill put together, and get the recharge bill passed by the Idaho Legislature so we could organize a recharge district.

In the meantime we filed on Recharge Water. Permit 37-7842 for 800 cfs from the Big and Little Wood Rivers, and Permit 1-7054 for 1200 cfs above Milner Dam were received from the IDWR and our priority is August 25, 1980.

On January 18, 1982, A. Kenneth Dunn, Director of the IDWR, appointed the first Board of Directors for the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District. At the end of the appointment letter Director Dunn wrote, "I wish you success as you undertake implementation of the unique concept embodied in the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District".

The recharge site northwest of Shoshone on the Gooding Milner canal was constructed in 1982.

January 18, 1982 the recharge Permits were transferred from the above individuals to the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District.

On April 28, 1999 Permit 01-7054 and Permit 37-7842 were transferred to the Idaho Water Resource Board.

RECHARGE SITE NORTH WEST OF SHOSHONE

1986 TO 1993	24,286	ACRE FT
1993 TO 2000	267,889	ACRE FT
2006 (200 CFS)	18,000	ACRE FT
Total	<b>310,175</b>	<b>ACRE FT</b> put in the Aquifer

Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District Assessments

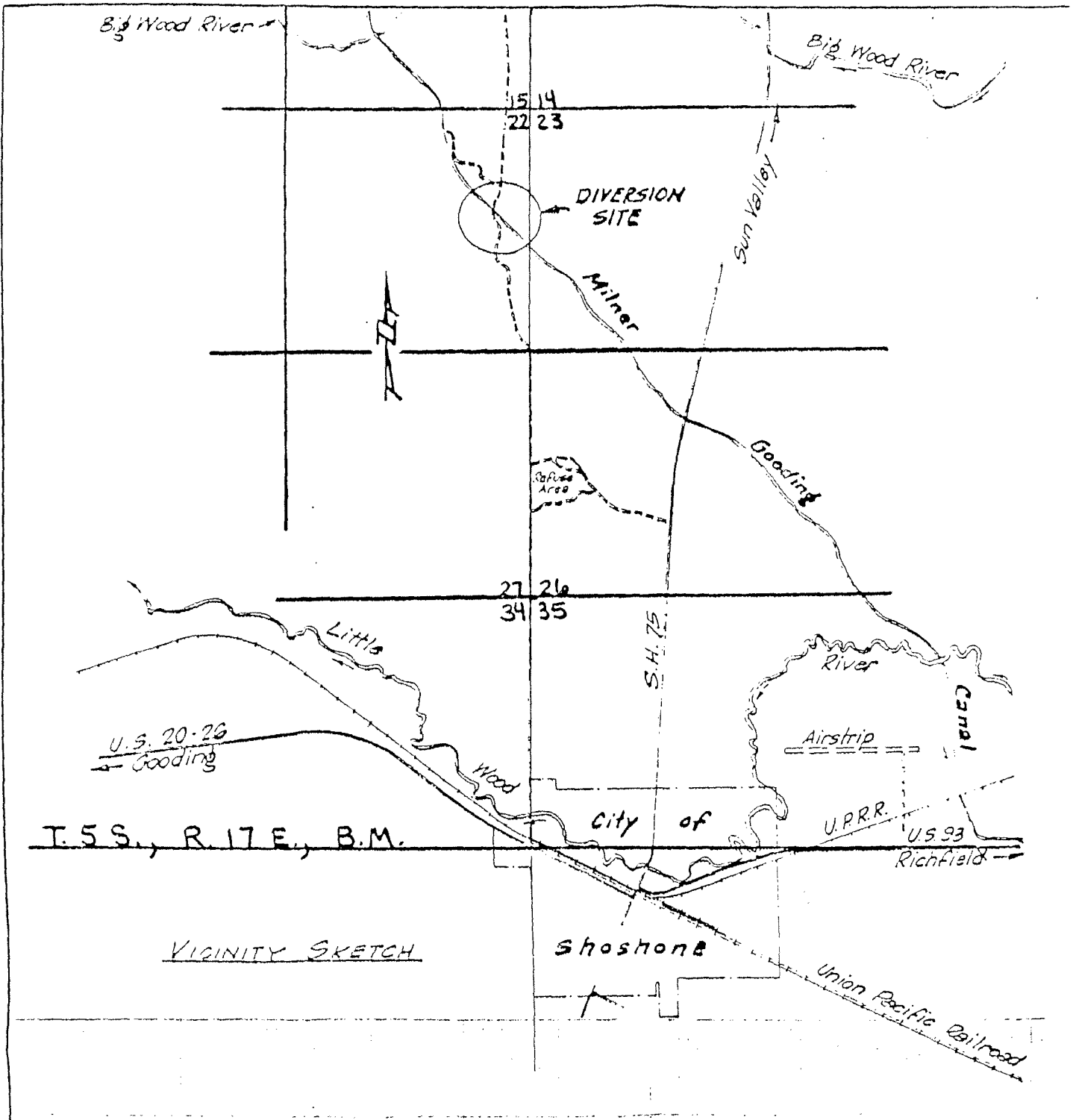
1982	37,095.35
1983	17,340.15
1984	34,293.04
1985	32,000.64
1986	32,925.34
1993	34,346.69
1995	33,623.05
1999	33,935.50

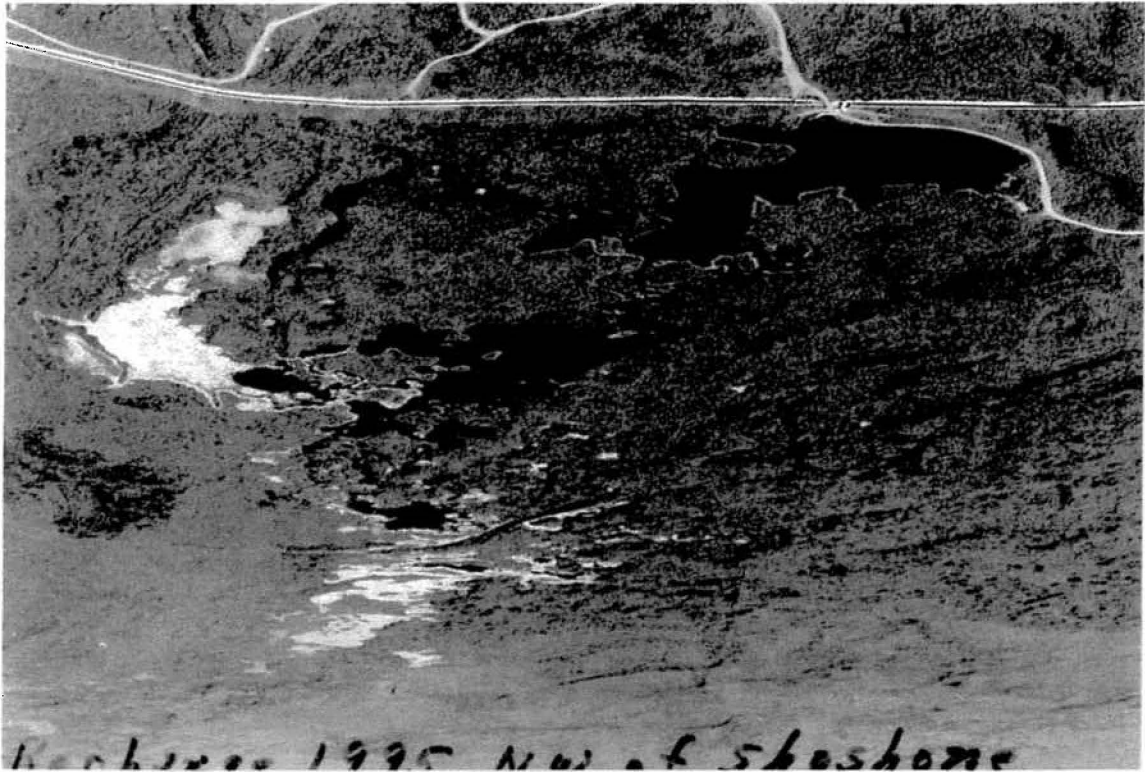
**\$255,559.76** TOTAL

Recharge assessments have been used for the following:

- Engineering fees
- Lawyer fees
- Construction
  - concrete, forms, rebar, labor, etc.
- Drilling monitor wells
- Monitor water quality when recharging
- Wheeling water to recharge site
- Liability Insurance

Exhibit "A"





1995 Recharge Site Northwest of Shoshone



2006 Recharge Site Northwest of Shoshone



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