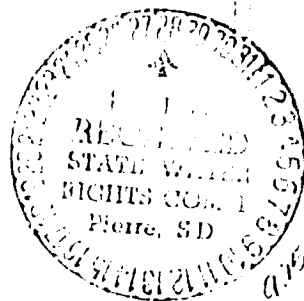


Water Right Number 1557.2

1. Considered 3-22, 19 77
2. Name of Applicant CHARLES STRAIT
3. Post Office Address WHITE RIVER
4. Amount of Water claimed .52
5. Source of Water supply WHITE RIVER
6. Water to be used for IRRIGATION
Acres to be irrigated 37
7. Water to be diverted and used in MELLETT County
about 3E, 10S miles 7 of MURDO
8. Proof of Publication Received 5-9-77
Not Received _____
9. Application Approved _____
Subject to _____
Not Approved _____
Action Deferred _____

10. Remarks:

No. 1527-2
 Map No. 1528-2 Water Division No. 2 WHITE RIVER District _____
 (Blanks to be filled by the Engineer for the W. R. C.)


APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

To Appropriate Water within the State of South Dakota

(NOTE--Draw a line through items not applicable)

1. Name of Applicant Charles Strait
 Postoffice address White River State South Dakota
 If a corporation show date and place of incorporation -0-
2. Method of accomplishing work (contract, employment of others, or by direct labor) Direct Labor
3. Name of diversion work Strait Irrigation Project No. 1
4. Amount of water claimed (cubic feet per second) 52 cfs
5. Source of water supply White River
6. Location of point of diversion On White River: 208 rods N 21°00' W and 132 rods 576°00' W of the SE corner of Sec. 33, T44N, R26W
- County Mellette
7. Annual period or periods during which water is to be used March 1 - June 1 & late fall
8. Use to be made of water (irrigation, industrial, municipal, commercial, recreation, etc.) Irrigation
9. For irrigation use, Total number of acres to be irrigated 37

List below each forty-acre subdivision, or lot, or fraction thereof and show number of acres to be irrigated in each.

Land Description	No. Acres Irr.	Land Description	No. Acres Irr.
Area 1, Lot 2, 40.10, Sec 33, 44, 28	17		
Area 2, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec 33, 44, 28	9		
Area 3, Lot 3, 32.00, Sec 33, 44, 28	37		

Attach sheet if more space is needed

10. Time required to complete construction of water supply system 5 years. Additional time required to complete application of water to the proposed beneficial use 4 years.
11. Choice of newspaper for Notice of Intent to Appropriate Water publication Murdo Coyote
12. Principal Features of the Proposed Water Supply System.

A. Works proposed to divert water from its natural source:

Pump

B. Works proposed to transport water to place of use:

Gravity - Pipe

C. Works proposed to apply water to beneficial use:

Gravity FlowEstimated Total Cost \$ 5,500

Attachments: Attach Form 2A if diversion from a well or dugout, or if storage of water is proposed. Attach map (See instructions concerning preparation.)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of Mellette
 I, Charles Strait the applicant, certify that I have read the foregoing application and have examined the attached map and that the matters therein stated are true and that I intend, and am able to complete the necessary construction
Signed Charles StraitSubscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of February 1997
Dorcas M. Hutchinson
 Notary Public (or other qualified officer)

WATER RIGHT APPLICATION APPROVAL

The Water ^{Rights} Commission hereby approves Water Right Application No. 1557-2
CHARLES STRAIT WHITE RIVER
 (Applicant) (Post Office Address)
SOUTH DAKOTA 57579 With the following modifications:
 (State)

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for ~~diver~~ irrigation to the land directly ~~on the White River~~ until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed Representative. Diversions under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Date of first receipt of application FEBRUARY 28 19 77
 Date of return to applicant for correction, amendments or changes required _____ 19 ____
 Date of receipt of corrected application _____ 19 ____
 Approved MARCH 23 19 77 Recorded in Book 18 Page 127

WATER RIGHT PERMIT NO. 1557-2

The Water ^{Rights} Commission hereby grants and issues this Water Right Permit No. 1557-2 authorizing the construction of the water use system and the putting of water to beneficial use as stated in the Application and as modified in the Water Right Application approval, subject, however, to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The date from which applicant may claim right is FEBRUARY 28 19 77
2. The equivalent of at least one-fifth of the work above specified is to be completed on or before SEPTEMBER 23 19 79
3. The whole of said work is to be completed on or before MARCH 23 19 82
4. The limit of time from proof of beneficial use of water appropriated in accordance herewith is MARCH 23 19 86
5. The water appropriated shall be used for the purpose of IRRIGATION
6. The prior right of all persons who, by compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, have acquired a right to the use of water must not be injuriously affected by this appropriation.
7. The amount of ^{water} appropriation herein granted shall not exceed .52 cubic feet per second, neither shall it exceed the capacity of the above described water supply system, nor shall it exceed the amount of water needed for beneficial uses served, and if for the irrigation purposes said appropriation must be limited to not more than 3 acre feet per acre per year and be limited to not more than one-seventieth (1/70) of one cubic foot of water per second of time for each acre of land to which water is actually and beneficially applied for irrigation on or before MARCH 23 19 86; said water to be used during the following described annual period MARCH 1 - JUNE 1

Witness my hand this 1ST day of JUNE 19 77

By John Kallen
 Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Certificate of Construction Issued _____ 19 ____

Water License Issued _____ 19 ____

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS
County of Jones)

T. A. Ingalls, of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on her oath says: That THE MURDO COYOTE is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Murdo, in said County and State by T. A. Ingalls, and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; and that I, T. A. Ingalls, the undersigned, am publisher of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and the advertisement headed

Notice

a printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was printed and published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in a supplement, once each week for successive weeks, the first publication being made on Thursday, the 10th day of March, 1977,

and that succeeding publications were made as follows:

On Thursday, the 17th day of March, 1977,

On Thursday, the _____ day of _____, 1977,

On Thursday, the _____ day of _____, 1977,

On Thursday, the _____ day of _____, 1977,

On Thursday, the _____ day of _____, 1977,

On Thursday, the _____ day of _____, 1977,

On Thursday, the _____ day of _____, 1977,

The said newspaper is a legal newspaper as defined by Section 65.0508 of the 1939 South Dakota Revised Code, as amended, and has a bona fide circulation of more than two hundred copies weekly and has been published within the County of Jones for more than fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the first publication of said notice, and is printed in part in an office maintained in Murdo, South Dakota, the place of publication of said newspaper. That the full amount of the fees for the publication of the annexed notice is \$ 10.00 and inures solely to the benefit of said publisher; that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any other person whatsoever.

T. A. Ingalls

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th

day of March, 1977.

Pauline P. Regan

Notary Public, Jones County, South Dakota

NOTICE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE WATER

Pierre, South Dakota 57501

March 4, 1977

Notice is hereby given that Charles Strait whose post office address is White River, South Dakota, has made an application in accordance with the provisions of the water laws of South Dakota for a permit to appropriate for beneficial use 0.52 cubic feet of water per second of time from the White River through the Strait Irrigation Project No. 1, the point of diversion of which is to be located in the between the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 4, T43N, R28W and the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 33, Twp. 44N, Range 28W. Said water to be used for the purpose of providing irrigation on portions of the following described land: Lot 2, Lot 3, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 33, T44N, R28W.

This application No. 1557-2 will be considered by the Water Rights Commission at their office at Pierre upon the 23 day of March 1977, at 10:00 a. m. All interested persons may appear and be heard.

Water Rights Commission

James Winterton

Water Rights Specialist

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Publish first publication, on or before March 10, 1977.

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INTENT TO APPROPRIATE WATER**

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SE 1/4 NE 1/4

of Section 33, Twp. 44N, Range 28W. Said water to be used for the purpose
of providing irrigation on the following described land:

Lot 2, Lot 3, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 33, T44N, R28W

This application No. 1557-2 will be considered by the Water Rights Commission at their office at
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WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION

By:

JAMES WINTERTON
Water Rights Specialist

BEJ/bw

cc Charles Strait, White River, SD

**South Dakota Department of
Water & Natural Resources**

Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3181

February 8, 1989

CHARLES STRAIT
SR 78 BOX 36A
WHITE RIVER, SD 57579

NOTICE

RE: Violation of Requirement to Submit 1988 Irrigation Questionnaire

Our records indicate that the 1988 Irrigation Questionnaire has not been submitted for Permit No(s). 1082-2, (1557-2). The request for the Questionnaire was dated October 26, 1988. The Water Management Board had directed that owners of water permits who have not submitted the 1988 Irrigation Questionnaire be given notice of hearing to be held by the Board to determine if any action is to be taken concerning the violation.

The hearings will be held at 9:45 am, March 1, 1989 at the Howard Johnson's, Roosevelt Room, I-90 at LaCrosse, Rapid City SD.

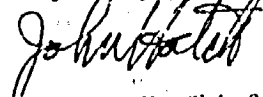
The hearing will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 46-1-12, 46-1-14, 46-2-9, 46-2-11 and 46-2-17. These are contested case hearings pursuant to procedures contained in SDCL 1-26. Following the hearing, the Water Management Board can:

1. Amend Permit No(s). 1082-2, 1557-2 to require the Irrigation Water Use Questionnaire to be submitted each year;
2. Postpone any action;
3. Take no action.

The hearing is an adversary proceeding. The permit owner has the right to be present or to be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised. Decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

If the questionnaire is received in this office before the March 1st hearing date, your name will be deleted from the agenda for the hearings.

Very truly yours,



JOHN HATCH, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Division
605 773-3352



**South Dakota Department of
Water & Natural Resources**

Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3181

March 6, 1989

1082-2
1557-2

Charles Strait
HCR 78 Box 36A
White River, SD 57579

Dear Mr. Strait:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your 1988 irrigation questionnaires for Water Permit Nos. 1082-2 and 1557-2. You may disregard the February 8, 1989, Notice of failure to submit the 1988 irrigation questionnaire. Your questionnaires were received prior to the March Water Management Board meeting and your name was deleted from the agenda pertaining to the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact Genny McMath, at (605) 773-3352.

Very truly yours,



JOHN HATCH, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Division

REPORT ON INSPECTION OF PERMIT NO. 1082-2

DATE OF INSPECTION: July 16, 1996

Other permit(s) associated with the project: 1557-2

Contact Person & Address: Charles Strait, HCR 78, Box 30A, White River, SD 57579

DIVERSION POINT LEGAL LOCATION: 1120 feet south and 375 feet west of the north 1/4 corner of Section 4-T43N-R28W

WATER SUPPLY **Source:** White River

Pump:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Make <u>Crisafulli</u> | 2) Model <u>NA</u> |
| 3) Size <u>10 inch</u> | 4) Capacity <u>2200</u> GPM |

Motor:

- 1) Make Tractor powered

DISTRIBUTION LINES OR CANALS:

- 1) Type earth - V-shaped

CHEMIGATION EQUIPMENT:

- 1) Does chemigate N

PERMIT QUALIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS:

- 1) Special qualifications to permit being abided by Y
- 2) All structures, wells and lands on map Y
- 3) Irrigation Questionnaires checked to determine if permit owner started irrigation by the end of construction period Y

Permit No. 1557-2
White River - Water District

Report Of Examination Of Works And/OR Application of Water To Beneficial
Use

TO: Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, DENR, Foss Bldg., Pierre, SD 57501

On, July 16, 1996, I made a thorough examination of the water use system constructed by Charles Strait of HCR 78, Box 36A, White River, SD 57579 holder of Permit No. 1557-2, bearing the priority of February 28, 1977 authorizing the diversion of 0.52 cu. ft. per second of the waters of the White River for irrigation purposes, in Mellette County.

I have to report on the conditions of the same as follows:

A. Works used to divert the water:

10 inch tractor powered Crisafulli pump with a capacity of 2200 gpm

B. Works used to transport water to place of use:

V-shaped earth canal

C. Works used to apply water to beneficial use:

Outlets cut into the ditch and water floods bordered basins

The system is in the following condition good. The point of diversion is located 1120 feet south and 375 feet west of the north 1/4 corner of Section 4-T43N-R28W. The works are capable of diverting and conveying to the place of use 4.9 cu. ft. per second of water which is to be used for irrigation. Water has been put to beneficial use to the maximum extent as follows:

All in Section 33-T44N-R28W

SW 1/4 SE 1/4 - 13 acres

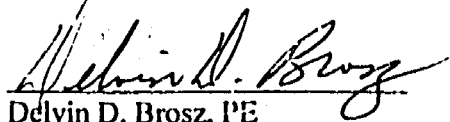
Lot 2 - 2 acres

Lot 3 - 16 acres

comprising a total of 31 acres of land and the license should be issued for 0.44 cfs.

Applicable permit qualifications have been complied with: X

Exceptions to compliance are: None


Delvin D. Brosz, PE

Natural Resources Engineer
DENR, Water Rights Program

8-6-96
Date

REPORT ON INSPECTION OF PERMIT NO. 1557-2

DATE OF INSPECTION: July 16, 1996

Other permit(c) associated with the project: 1082-2

Contact Person & Address: Charles Strait, HCR 78, Box 36A, White River, SD 57579

DIVERSION POINT LEGAL LOCATION: 1120 feet south and 375 feet west of the north 1/4 corner of Section 4-T43N-R28W

WATER SUPPLY Source: White River

Pump:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Make <u>Crisafulli</u> | 2) Model <u>NA</u> |
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PERMIT QUALIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS:

- 1) Special qualifications to permit being abided by Y
- 2) All structures, wells and lands on map Y
- 3) Irrigation Questionnaires checked to determine if permit owner started irrigation by the end of construction period Y

Licensing of Acreage Outside of Permitted Area

NAME: Charles Strait

ADDRESS: HCR 78, Box 36A, White River, SD 57579

DATE: August 6, 1996 COUNTY: Mellette TELEPHONE: 605-669-2808

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-30.5, acreage developed for irrigation outside of the area described on the permit may be licensed provided the following conditions are met.

NO INCREASE IN PERMITTED ACREAGE OR WATER APPROPRIATED:

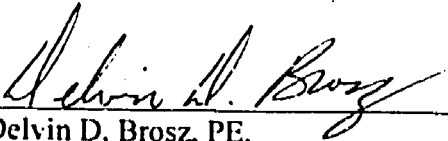
The acreage developed for irrigation is 18 acres as compared to 18.8 acres authorized by the permit. Licensing of the permit will result in a reduction in the amount of water appropriated.

UNPERMITTED ACREAGE:

- Centiguous to Permitted Acreage
Yes, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 - 2 acres, Section 4-T4?N-R28W
- Owned by Same Property Owner
Yes
- Developed Prior to Expiration of Construction Period
Yes

RECOMMENDED ACTION

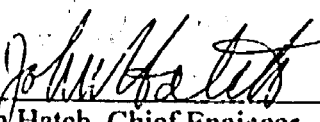
Based on the above criteria, it is recommended that the 2 acres be included in the water license.



Delvin D. Brosz, PE,
Natural Resources Engineer
Water Rights Program

The Chief Engineer makes a finding pursuant to SDCL 46-5-30.5 that:

This acreage change does not impair existing water rights and the overall project, as developed, is consistent with the original application. Licensing of the unpermitted acreage may occur without application or publication pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-4.

 8-7-96

John Hatch, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program

Permit No. 1082-2
White River - Water District

Report Of Examination Of Works And/Or Application of Water To Beneficial Use

TO: Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, DENR, Foss Bldg., Pierre, SD 57501

On, July 16, 1996, I made a thorough examination of the water use system constructed by Charles Strait of HCR 78, Box 36A, White River, SD 57579 holder of Permit No. 1082-2, bearing the priority of May 12, 1971 authorizing the diversion of 0.29 cu. ft. per second of the waters of the White River for irrigation purposes, in Mellette County.

I have to report on the conditions of the same as follows:

A. Works used to divert the water:

10 inch tractor powered Crisafulli pump with a capacity of 2200 gpm

B. Works used to transport water to place of use:

V-shaped earth canal

C. Works used to apply water to beneficial use:

Outlets cut into the ditch and water floods bordered basins

The system is in the following condition good. The point of diversion is located 1120 feet south and 375 feet west of the north 1/4 corner of Section 4-T43N-R28W. The works are capable of diverting and conveying to the place of use 4.9 cu. ft. per second of water which is to be used for irrigation. Water has been put to beneficial use to the maximum extent as follows:
All in Section 4-T43N-R28W

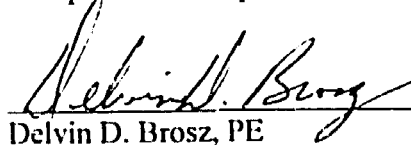
NE 1/4 NW 1/4 - 16 acres

NW 1/4 NE 1/4 - 2 acres

comprising a total of 18 acres of land and the license should be issued for 0.26 cfs.

Applicable permit qualifications have been complied with: N

Exceptions to compliance are: Acreage legal description needs correction - see file document.


Delvin D. Brosz, PE

Natural Resources Engineer
DENR, Water Rights Program

8-6-96
Date



**DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

JOE FOSS BUILDING
523 EAST CAPITOL
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-3181

August 8, 1996

Permit No. 1557-2

Charles Strait
HCR 78, Box 36A
White River, SD 57579

Dear Mr. Strait:

The inspection of your water use system and the inspection of the extent of application of water to beneficial use, as developed under Water Permit Nos. 1082-2 and 1557-2, has been completed. Your final water right document, the Water License, can now be issued. Upon licensing, the applicable portions of Water Permit No. 1082-2 will be incorporated into 1557-2.

Statutes require that we charge a \$50.00 fee for the inspection and issuance of the Water License. Upon receipt of the \$50.00 fee from you, we will begin processing your Water License.

Please remit fee to:
Department of Environment & Natural Resources
Water Rights Program
523 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-3181

South Dakota Water Law 46-5-30.1 requires that a permit holder may not divert water until the \$50.00 license fee has been paid. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cheryl F. Frost
Secretary
Water Rights Program
(605) 773-3352

NOTE: On check or money order, please specify your permit number. This will insure proper handling of the fee.

RECEIPT

415064

Division of Water Rights
South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources

August 29, 19 96

Pierre, _____

RECEIVED OF Charles Strait, HCR 78, Box 36A, White River, SD 57579

the following amount in fees for services rendered as provided for by law:

Fee for Application for Permit No. _____ to Appropriate Water, to construct
and to put water to beneficial use _____

Fee for Application for Permit No. _____ to Appropriate Water, for Future
Use _____

Fee to retain Future Use Permit No. _____ after period of seven years.

Fee for Inspecting Constructed Works, confirming beneficial use and issuing Water
License No. 1557-2

Fee for Filing Transfer Form _____

Fee for Filing Extension Request _____

Fee for _____

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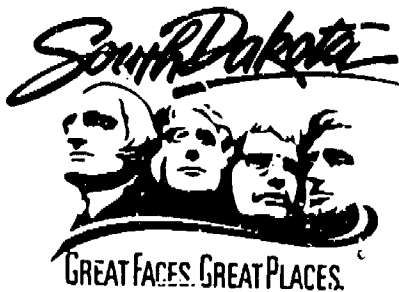
(Any Other Work Provided by Law)

Total

50 00

By

John H. H. H.
Chief Engineer



DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT
and NATURAL RESOURCES
JOE FOSS BUILDING
523 EAST CAPITOL
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-3181

JUN 12 1997

1557-2

Charles Strait
HC 78, Box 36A
White River, SD 57579

Dear Mr. Strait:

Enclosed is Water License No. 1557-2 and Receipt No. 415064 for \$50.00 which was assessed for an investigation and issuance of the license. Water License No. 1557-2 is the final document which completes the process of obtaining a water right.

As long as you use the water beneficially, as stated in the Water License, State Water Laws provide that you have a continuing right to use the water.

Very truly yours,

JOHN HATCH, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
(605) 773-3352

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enclosures

NOTE: The applicable portions of Water Permit No. 1082-2 are incorporated into this Water License No. 1557-2.

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WATER LICENSE NO. 1557-2**

(1) Charles Strait made Application No. 1557-2, February 28, 1977 for a water permit to divert 0.52 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from the White River, Mellette County, South Dakota for irrigation purposes. Permit No. 1557-2, with a priority date of February 28, 1977 was approved March 23, 1977 and issued to the applicant for diversion of water with construction of the described water supply system to be completed on or before March 23, 1982 and for the application to beneficial use of said water on or before March 23, 1986.

Water Permit No. 1082-2, with a priority date of May 12, 1971, was transferred to Charles Strait in March, 1984. An investigation of the water use system developed under No. 1082-2 found acreage developed for irrigation outside of the permitted area. Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-30.5, the Chief Engineer makes a finding that the acreage change does not impair existing water rights and the overall project, as developed, is consistent with the original application.

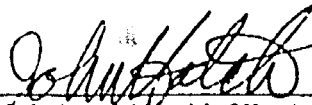
The project developed under Water Permit No. 1082-2 utilizes the same diversion point and delivery system as described in Water Permit Nos. 1557-2. The applicable portions of Water Permit No. 1082-2 are incorporated into this Water License No. 1557-2. The priority dates, as they pertain to each permit, are described in (3) of this license.

(2) It is certified that the applicant has complied with the provisions of South Dakota State Law relating to completion of the construction of the water supply system and is entitled to divert 0.70 cubic feet of water per second for beneficial use. The location of the diversion point is 1.120'S and 375'W of the N¼ corner of Section 4, T43N, R28W (NE¼ NW¼).

(3) The applicant has complied with the provisions of South Dakota State Law relating to the application of water to beneficial use to irrigate the following land:

Water Permit No. 1082-2 - Priority of May 12, 1971	Water Permit No. 1557-2 - Priority of February 28, 1977 (June 1 cutoff date)
Section 4, T43N, R28W NE¼ NW¼ 16 acres NW¼ NE¼ 2 acres	Section 33, T44N, R28W SW¼ SE¼ 13 acres Lot 2 2 acres Lot 3 16 acres
Total 18 acres	Total 31 acres

(4) Pursuant to South Dakota Water Law 46-5-30.1 Charles Strait, HC 78 Box 36A, White River, SD 57579 the holder and/or owner of Incorporated Water Permit No. 1557-2 is issued a license to appropriate water, the right to use 0.70 cubic feet of water per second from the White River with priority dates of May 12, 1971 (0.26 cfs) and February 28, 1977 (0.44 cfs) from the location specified in (2) of this license. The water to be conducted to and upon lands specified in (3) of this license for the purpose of irrigation. This license is subject to any limitations or qualifications listed in Incorporated Water Permit No. 1557-2 and subject to South Dakota State Law.



JOHN HATCH, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

JUN 12 1997

date



Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1557-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

STRAIT IRRIGATION

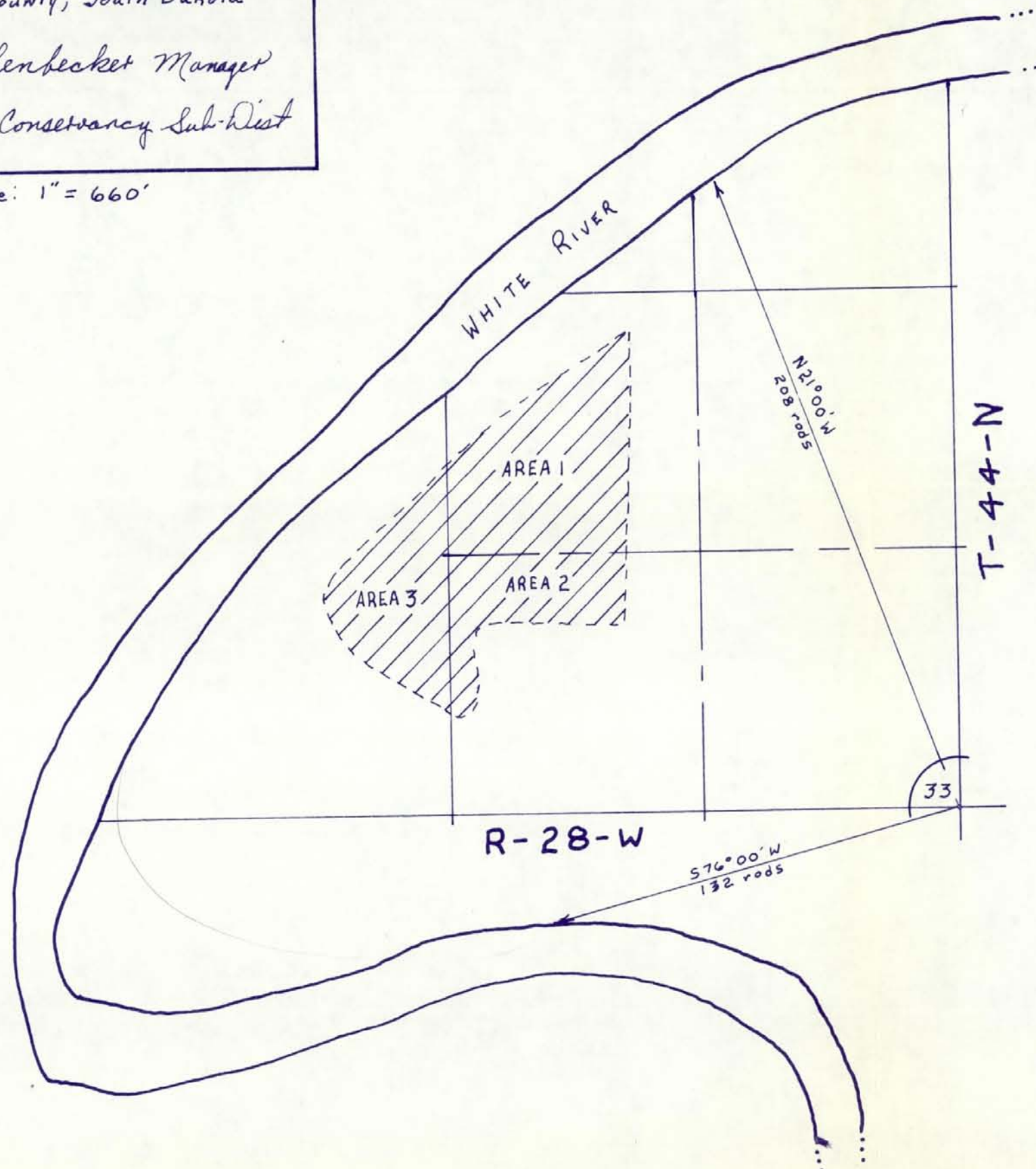
PROJECT No. 1

(CHARLES STRAIT)

Mellette County, South Dakota

Keith Kuchenbecker Manager
West River Conservancy Sub-District

Scale: 1" = 660'



All lands describe are owned by "Charles Strait"

LOCATION OF LAND TO BE IRRIGATED					
AREA	LOCATION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
1	Lot 2 40.10	33	44N	28W	17
2	SW+SE+	33	44	28	9
3	Lot 3 54.00	33	44	28	11
total					37

MAP NO 1328-2 (APPL NO 1557-2)

1557-2



Map Prepared by:
William M. Broy, PE
Natural Resources
Engineer
Water Rights
Program



1557-2
**DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

PMB 2020
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January 26, 2007

NOTICE

TO: CHARLES STRAIT, HCR 78 BOX 36A, WHITE RIVER, SD 57579

FROM: Ron Duvall, Natural Resources Engineer
for Garland Erbele, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program

SUBJECT: Reporting Requirement for 2006 Irrigation Questionnaire(s)

Our records indicate that the 2006 Irrigation Questionnaire has not been submitted for Permit No(s) 1557-2. The request for the Questionnaire was dated October 20, 2006. The Water Management Board has directed that owners of water permits who have not submitted the 2006 Irrigation Questionnaire be given notice of hearing to determine if any Board action is to be taken concerning this issue.

The hearing will be held at 10:30 am, March 7, 2007, in the Floyd Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD and will be conducted pursuant to SDCL 46-1-12, 46-1-14, 46-2-9, 46-2-11 and 46-2-17. These are contested case hearings pursuant to Chapter 1-26. Following the hearing, the Water Management Board can:

1. Amend Permit No(s) 1557-2 to require the Irrigation Water Use Questionnaire to be submitted each year;
2. Postpone any action; or
3. Take no action.

The hearing is an adversary proceeding. The permit owner has the right to be present or to be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised. Decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

If the questionnaire(s) is(are) received in this office on/or before March 1, 2007, you will no longer be in violation of your permit and your name will be deleted from the Board agenda. Enclosed are additional questionnaire(s) for your use. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Genny McMath at (605) 773-3352. If you prefer, you can complete the questionnaire on-line at the following link:

<https://www.state.sd.us/efrms/secure/efrms/E0455V5-IQ.pdf>

Note: Please contact the Water Rights Program, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre, SD (605-773-3352) to assure access to the meeting room for the handicapped or to obtain an interpreter for the hearing impaired.



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February 1, 2007

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Charles Strait
HCR 78 Box 36A
White River SD 57579

Dear Mr. Strait:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your 2006 irrigation questionnaire. You may disregard the January 26, 2007, "Notice" concerning reporting requirements for Water Right No. 1557-2.

The information was received in our office prior to the Water Management Board meeting and your name has been deleted from the agenda.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Genny McMath
Environmental Scientist
Water Rights Program
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January 20, 2023

NOTICE

TO: CHARLES STRAIT, 25301 LITTLE WHITE RIVER RD, WHITE RIVER, SD 57579

FROM: Ron Duvall, Water Rights Permitting Administrator
for Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program

SUBJECT: Reporting Requirement for 2022 Irrigation Questionnaire(s)

Our records indicate your 2022 Irrigation Questionnaire has not been submitted for Permit No(s) 129-2, 1557-2 as required by administrative rule 74:02:01:14.02. The request for the Questionnaire was dated October 21, 2022. The Water Management Board has directed owners of water permits who have not submitted the 2022 Irrigation Questionnaire be given notice of hearing to determine if any Board action is to be taken concerning this issue.

The hearing will be held at **Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 9:30 am (Central Time)** in the Floyd Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD and will be conducted pursuant to SDCL 46-1-12, 46-1-14, 46-2-9, 46-2-11 and 46-2-17. These are contested case hearings pursuant to Chapter 1-26. Following the hearing, the Water Management Board can:-

1. Amend Permit No(s) 129-2, 1557-2 to require the Irrigation Water Use Questionnaire to be submitted each year;
2. Postpone any action; or
3. Take no action.

The hearing is an adversary proceeding. The permit owner has the right to be present or to be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised. Decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

If the questionnaire(s) is (are) received in this office before the **March 8, 2023** hearing you will no longer be in violation of your permit and your name will be removed from the Board agenda. Enclosed are additional questionnaire(s) for your use. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Genny McMath at (605) 773-3352 or email at genny.mcmath@state.sd.us. **If you prefer, you can complete the questionnaire online at the following link: <https://danr.sd.gov/iq> using this password: NXRGRF**

Note: Please contact the Water Rights Program, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre, SD (605-773-3352) to assure access to the meeting room for the handicapped or to obtain an interpreter for the hearing impaired.



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January 31, 2023

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Charles Strait
25301 Little White River Rd
White River SD 57579

Dear Mr. Strait:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your 2022 irrigation questionnaires.

You may disregard the January 20, 2023, "Notice" concerning reporting requirements for Water Right Nos. 129-2 and 1557-2. The information was received in our office prior to the Water Management Board meeting and your name has been deleted from the agenda.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Genny McMath
Water Rights Program
605 773-3352
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Subject: Bypass Qualifications on the White River

March 30, 2023

Dear White River Water Right Holder,

The SD Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources Water Rights Program is reviewing qualifications on White River water rights in order to update when pumping is authorized. Water Rights issued with priority dates junior to 1975 contained a qualification requiring a mandatory June 1 shutoff to cease pumping water from the river. The mandatory June 1 shutoff qualification was placed on these permits to protect domestic water users, which includes livestock watering. The review found, with the passage of time the United States Geological Survey (USGS) streamflow monitoring has expanded and realtime access to this information has improved. An analysis of long-term historical flow found that the lower White River, downstream of the Little White River confluence, receives significant flow from the Little White River relative to the flow contribution from the upstream portion of the White River. Consequently, it may be possible to remove the mandatory June 1 shutoff qualification for the junior water right permits in this lower section of the river and replace the qualification with a flow bypass limitation as measured at the USGS streamflow gaging station located near Oacoma.

The intent of this effort is to allow for more efficient use of water when it is available by utilizing a bypass requirement as measured at a USGS stream flow gaging station for those water users. This qualification change will also allow many lower White River junior priority water right holders to irrigate after June 1 without the need to request an extension from the Chief Engineer. Current real time river flow information can be easily accessed on-line at the following internet address:

<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/sd/nwis/rt>

In order to amend a qualification on an existing water right permit, formal action by the SD Water Management Board is needed. In the near future, you can expect to receive official notification scheduling a hearing before the Water Management Board. The notification will include if your water right is proposed to have the qualification amended. This hearing will also be public noticed in select county newspapers in which the White River flows through. If you wish to participate in the hearing, you can, but you are not required to. There will be instructions with the notification on how to participate in the hearing if you so choose.

If you have any questions concerning this effort, please contact Mark Rath of the Water Rights Program at (605) 773-3352 or mark.rath@state.sd.us

Sincerely,

Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
SD DANR – Water Rights Program

Review of White River Water Rights and Report on Proposed Amendment

February 14, 2023

Introduction

An evaluation was made of the current qualifications that were placed on the existing White River water permits/rights to determine whether these qualifications are effectively managing the water source for the users.

Review of the Water Source

The White River, a prairie stream, located in southwestern South Dakota and northwestern Nebraska, Figure 1. The White River headwaters originate in northwestern Nebraska and drains approximately 9,975 square miles before discharging into the Missouri River near Oacoma SD.

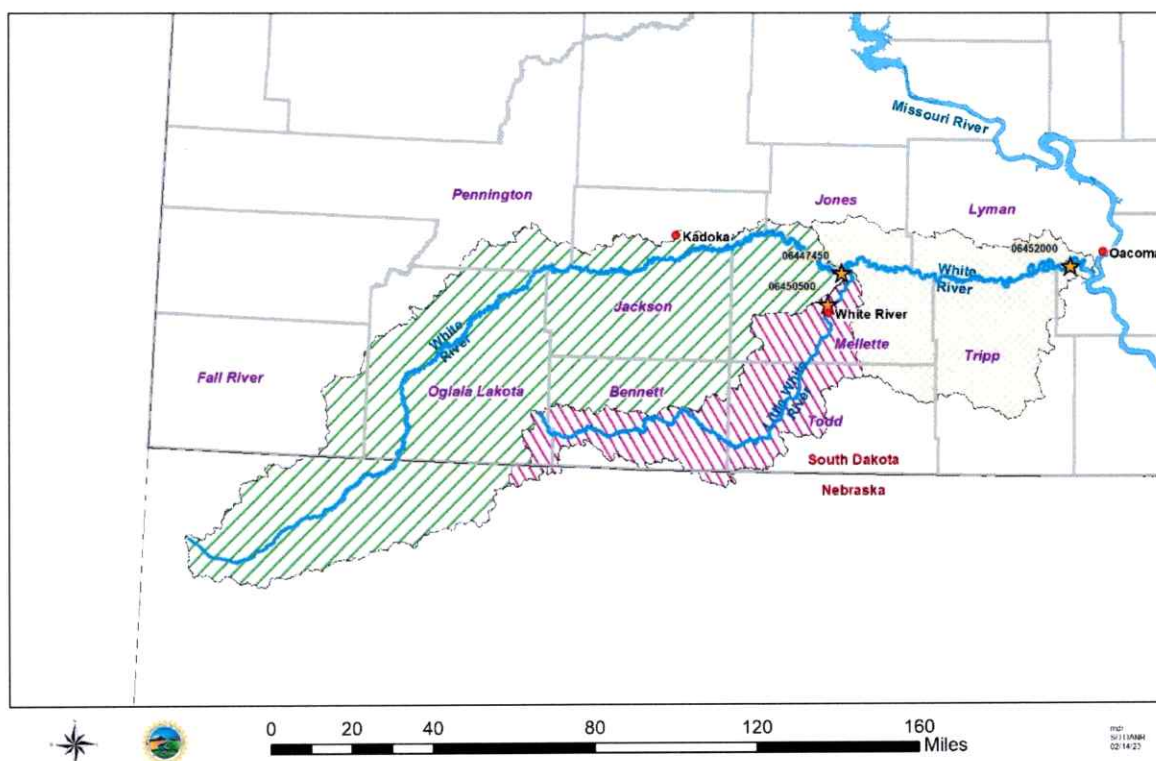


Figure 1. White River Watershed Map.

The entire watershed can be broken into three sections: upper White River, lower White River and Little White River. The upper White River watershed is the portion drained by the White River headwaters in northwestern Nebraska and drains portions of Oglala Lakota, Fall River, Bennett, Pennington, Jackson, Mellette, Jones, and Todd Counties located upstream of the Little White River confluence. The Little White River watershed is drained by the Little White River headwaters in Oglala Lakota County, draining portions of Nebraska, and Bennett, Todd, and Mellette Counties before merging with the White River approximately 12 miles southeast of the town of Murdo. The Little White River has more uniform flow than the White River due to a permeable sand formation allowing precipitation seeping into the ground to move laterally into the stream through springs and seeps (Ellis, et al. 1971). The lower White River section, after receiving contributing flow from the Little White and upper White rivers, also drains

portions of Mellette, Jones, Todd, Tripp, and Lyman Counties before discharging to the Missouri River just south of the town of Oacoma.

A percentile is a measure used in statistics to indicate the value below which a given percentage of observations in a group of observations fall, in this case daily flows. The percentiles shown correspond to flow scenarios during drier conditions when water would be in short supply. A percentile hydrograph can also give an indication of the time of year when water can be expected to be available at the gage location.

The USGS Stream Gaging No. 06447450 White River near White River, SD is located approximately 2 miles upstream from the confluence of the White and Little White rivers. Figure 2, shows three statistically derived flow levels consisting of the daily median (or 50 percentile), the 25 percentile, and the 10 percentile daily flow values for this stream gage. As this figure indicates, there is an increase in flow in the White River corresponding to spring snowmelt and spring rain events. The figure shows the median or 50 percentile hydrograph for this stream gage exhibits the daily flow values at or below this level on average one out of two years and also indicates flow curtailing in the mid-July to early September time frame before leveling off. It should be noted during any given year, flow in the river is not going to exactly mirror the median flow values. Since the median daily value is the center value with half the measured flow values greater and half less, what median values do provide is an overall indication of the historical flow characteristics for the stream at that location based upon the period of record. The hydrograph also shows there is a significant decline in available water corresponding with the 25 and 10 percentile levels from mid-to-late June.

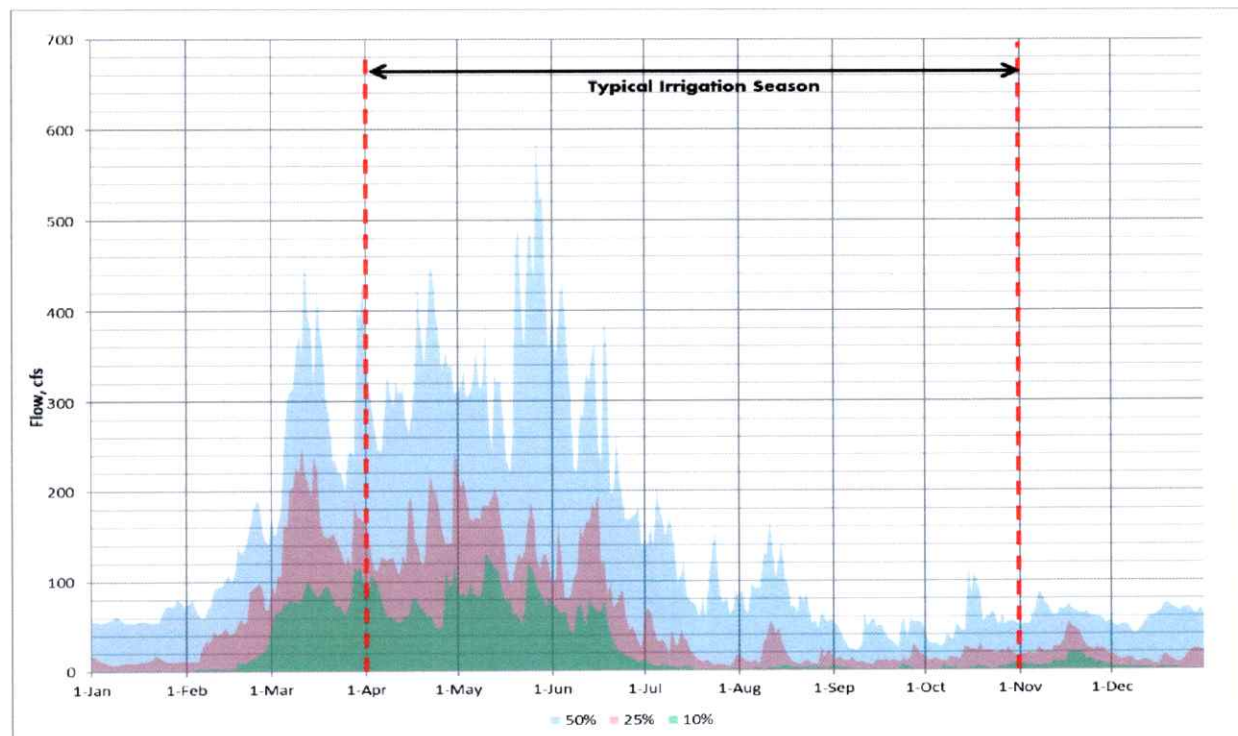


Figure 2. Daily percentile flow hydrographs for the USGS White River near White River 2001-2022, contributing drainage area 6202 mi² (USGS, 2023).

The USGS Stream Gaging No. 06450500 Little White River near White River, SD is located approximately 14.5 miles upstream from the confluence of the Little White River with the White River. Figure 3, indicates there is an increase in flow in the Little White River corresponding to spring snowmelt and rain events. The figure shows the median or 50, 25 and 10 percentile hydrograph levels for this stream and indicates flow at each of the three percentiles peaks in late March and steadily declines until the first of August. Flow then levels off for the remainder of the irrigation season but generally a base flow is maintained throughout the year.

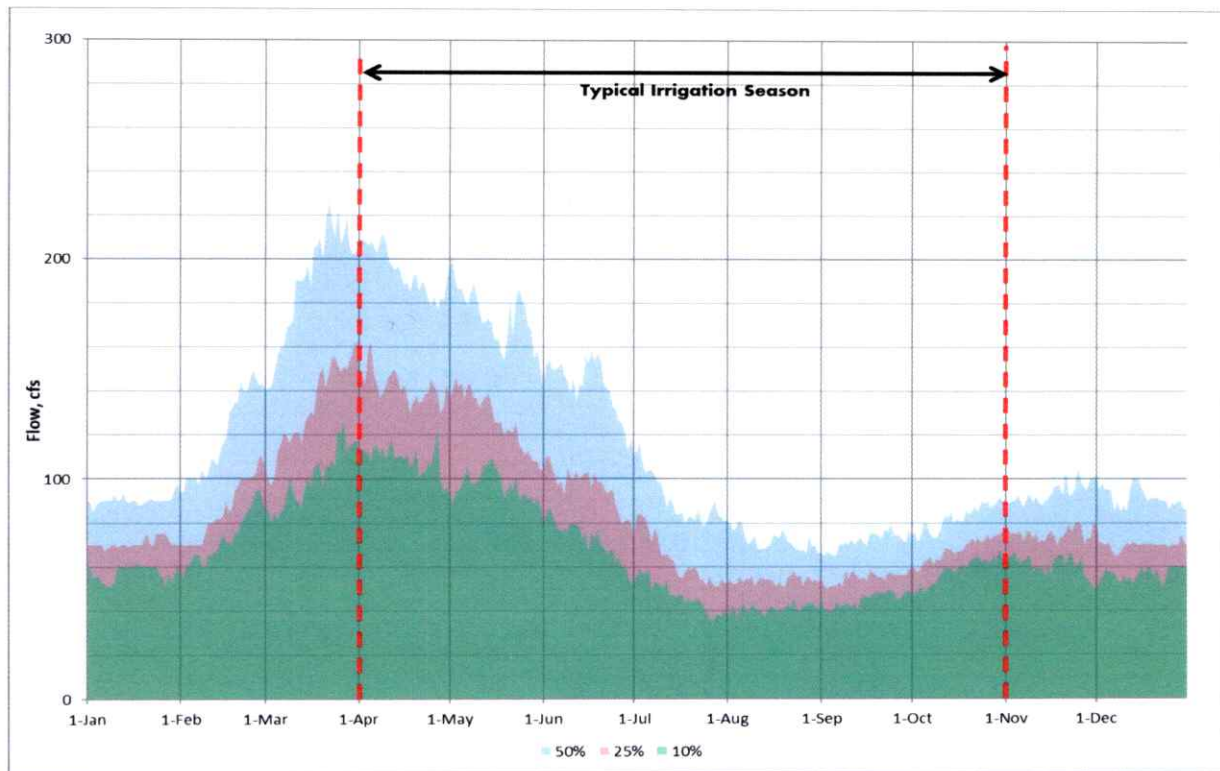


Figure 3. Daily percentile flow hydrographs for the USGS Little White River near White River, 1949-2022, contributing drainage area 1,495 mi² (USGS, 2023).

The USGS Stream Gaging No. 06452000 White River near Oacoma, SD is located approximately 55 river miles downstream from the confluence of the White and Little White rivers and approximately 16 miles upstream from the point where the White River flows into the Missouri River on Lake Francis Case. Figure 4 is a hydrograph showing the 50, 25 and 10 percentile levels similar to what was shown in the previous two figures. The median or 50 percentile hydrograph for this stream gage exhibits the daily flow values at or below this level on average one out of two years, and shows an increase in flow in the White River starting in early February corresponding to early spring runoff and maintains strong flows through most of June before tailing off through the remainder of the summer and fall months. At the 50 percentile level corresponding flow can be expected to be in excess of 40 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) throughout the year on average one out of two years. Looking at the hydrographs corresponding to the 25 and 10 percentiles, they show a similar trend to the 50 percentile curve with increased flows in February and tailing off in the latter part of June. The 25 percentile level shows the daily flow values at or below this level on average one out of four years, indicating flows remain above the 40 cfs level except for a period December through January. At the 10 percentile level, corresponding to the daily flow values

at or below this level on average one out of ten years, flows stay above 20 cfs except during the three week period from the first week of August through the first of September and the six week period in December and January, which is outside the irrigation season.

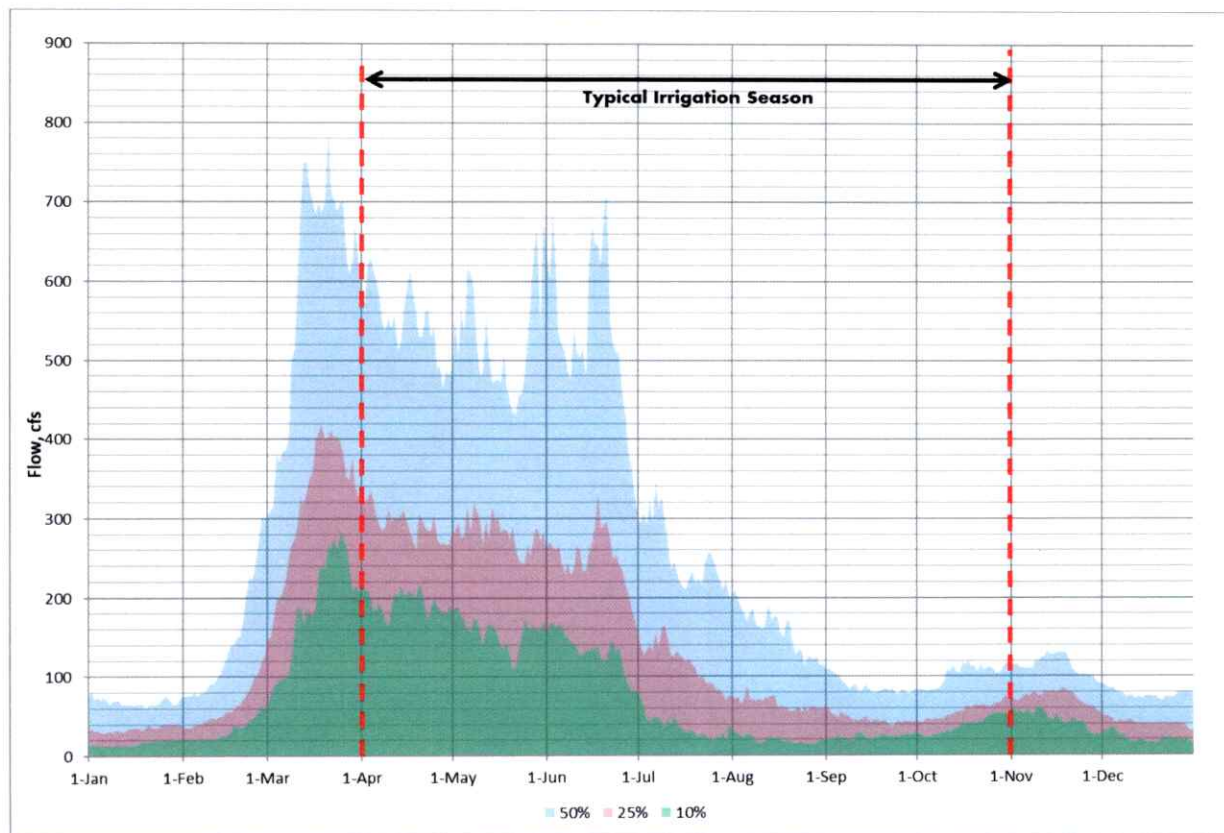


Figure 4. Daily percentile flow hydrographs for the USGS White River near Oacoma, 1928-2022, contributing drainage area 7,697 mi² (USGS, 2023).

The Water Management Board Authority

SDCL 46-1-14 gives the Water Management Board the authority to amend water right permits. Water permits issued by the board may be amended by the board with priority retained upon amendment. The board may alter terms, conditions, restrictions, qualifications, or quantifications.

South Dakota Codified Law

46-1-14. Terms and conditions of permits and licenses--Amendment. The Water Management Board may issue any permit or license subject to terms, conditions, restrictions, qualifications, quantifications, or limitations on perpetuity consistent with this chapter which it considers necessary to protect the public interest and which are related to matters within the jurisdiction of the board. Water rights issued pursuant to this section may be amended by the board and priority is retained upon amendment. Upon amendment the board may alter terms, conditions, restrictions, qualifications, or quantifications consistent with this chapter.

46-2-3.1. Delegation of authority to chief engineer--Restrictions. The Water Management Board may delegate to the chief engineer authority to act on its behalf concerning the quasi-judicial functions of interpreting,

applying, and enforcing existing rules and laws and ordering action or abatement of action. The board may not delegate any other quasi-judicial functions as defined in § 1-32-1, except as otherwise provided by law. The board may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to delegate to the chief engineer the authority to issue permits pursuant to § 46-1-14.

46-2-17. Chief engineer's general enforcement authority. The chief engineer may:

- 1) Investigate the use of the waters of the state and compliance with the provisions of water permits, licenses, rules, regulations, and laws relating to water rights.
- 2) Institute enforcement and other proceedings before the Water Management Board;
- 3) Enforce orders of the board; and
- 4) Perform other acts authorized by statute or regulation.

46-2-18. Chief engineer's authority to order discontinuance of water use. The provisions of chapter 1-26 notwithstanding, the chief engineer may, after appropriate investigation, issue an order to any person to shut off or limit the person's use of surface or groundwater, or to plug or otherwise control a well. The order may be issued only to protect another user who has higher or earlier priority or to cause a user of water to discontinue the use of water to which the user has no legal right. Upon a refusal to obey the order, the chief engineer may request a court of proper jurisdiction to issue a temporary restraining order or injunction to effectuate the provisions of the order.

Review of Existing Water Rights and Reported Use

A review of Water Right Program files shows there have been 200 water permits/rights issued from either the White or Little White rivers, some with priority dates going back to 1901. Many of these have been cancelled due to abandonment or forfeiture, some have been incorporated into other water permits, and some remain active. Currently, there are 82 existing permits/rights appropriating 190.9 cfs from the White River. Eighty of the existing permits/rights are for irrigation use and the other two are for small dams used for domestic and recreation purposes. Figure 5 shows a comparison between the water appropriated for irrigation use and the annual reported use by these irrigators for the years 1995 to 2021. As this figure indicates except for three years in the early 2000's, less than 10% of the water appropriated annually for irrigation was reported to be used (Water Rights. 2023).

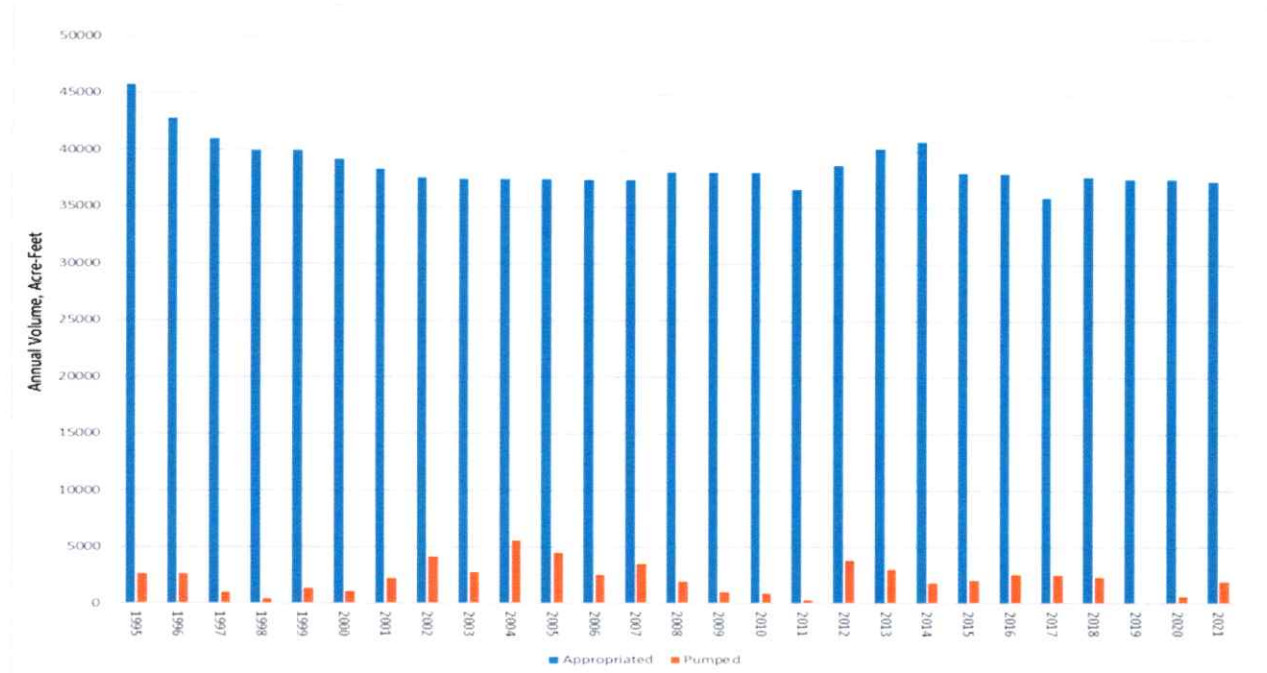


Figure 5. Total irrigation allocation and reported use from the White River (Water Rights, 2023).

Qualification Status

An examination of water right files found the Water Resources Commission, a predecessor to the Water Management Board, placed the first low flow bypass qualification, on a White River water permits in Lyman and Jackson counties in 1964. (Water Rights, 2023). In January of 1977, the Water Rights Commission, another predecessor to the Water Management Board, approved several deferred White River applications with priority dates going back to April 12, 1976, and placed a June 1 cutoff qualification on them. This same qualification has been placed on all White River permits issued since then.

In 2012, the Water Rights Program received an application for a water permit to irrigate from the White River in the river reach downstream from the Little White confluence. The analysis for that application resulted in a qualification to the issued water permit that the permit holder may request written authorization from the Chief Engineer to allow the irrigator to continue irrigating after the June 1 shutoff date. Prior to issuing the written authorization, the Chief Engineer would determine whether an appropriate base flow level was present. A 20 cfs bypass has been used in on other major rivers in South Dakota to provide for a base flow to insure domestic/livestock water needs are satisfied. It was determined a minimum base flow of 20 cfs bypass after pumping, as measured at the USGS gaging station, White River near Oacoma, was needed to allow the Chief Engineer to provide written authorization to continue using water. The permit was issued with the following qualifications (Water Rights. 2023).

1. This Permit authorizes the diversion of water from the dugout adjacent to the White River until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Chief Engineer. Diversion under this Permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.

2. Diversions from the dugout adjacent to the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs while pumping under this Permit.

Since that water permit was issued in 2012, the 20 cfs bypass as measured at the Oacoma stream gage criteria has been utilized multiple times when issuing written authorization to allow pumping after the June 1 cutoff in this river reach. This criterion has worked well.

Analysis and Proposed Qualification Revisions

The original cutoff date and the later adopted bypass requirement were analyzed to determine whether the 20 cfs bypass requirement would be a more effective means of managing active water rights going forward in the lower reach of the White River rather than a June 1 mandatory shutoff date. The review took into consideration the existing water rights, the qualifications, the authorized use, the location of the diversion points, the annual period of use, and historic stream flow data.

Upper White River

Water rights/permits with priority dates junior to April 11, 1976, located on the upper White River in the river reach upstream from the confluence with the Little White River contain the June 1 mandatory shutoff qualification.

The percentile hydrograph for USGS Stream Gaging No. 06447450 White River near White River, SD shown in Figure 2, indicates a decline in flow during the month of June at the three percentile levels shown (USGS. 2023). At the 10 and 25 percentile levels, corresponding to daily flow values at or below the indicated level on average one out of four years and one out of ten years respectively, show expected flow levels falling to a range of 20 cfs or below. At this time the current June 1 cutoff qualification appears to be working well, with irrigators requesting pumping variances when needed. A review of Water Rights Program files indicates this occurs sporadically with it most recently happening in the summer of 2022. An irrigator near Kadoka requested a temporary variance to pump runoff from a large upstream thunderstorm (Water Rights. 2023). At this time the recommendation is to leave the existing qualification requirements in place for current and future water rights/permits located in this river reach because the current qualification is working well.

Lower White River

Water rights/permits with priority dates junior to April 11, 1976, located on the lower White River in the river reach downstream from the confluence with the Little White River, contain the June 1 mandatory shutoff qualification.

In 2012, the Water Rights Program received Water Permit Application No. 2681-2, to divert water for irrigation from the lower White River reach. The analysis for that application determined that based upon historical flow data, there was a likelihood that water would be available many years in this reach after June 1 and there was a possibility the permit holder would be asking for a variance to allow pumping after the mandatory shutoff date. For the Chief Engineer to be able to grant written authorization to allow pumping and protect the base flow of the river, a new qualification was adopted (Water Rights. 2023).

- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.

Since 2012, the June 1 mandatory shutoff and the 20 cfs bypass qualifications have been placed on water permits issued in the lower White River reach. The Water Rights Program has received numerous requests from these permit holders over multiple years to allow diversions from the river after June 1. Based upon the experience the Water Rights Program has gained managing use based off the 20 cfs bypass qualification, we found this qualification to be an effective water management tool for this lower reach of the White River.

There are 32 water permits/rights appropriating 86.81 cfs from the White River reach downstream of the Little White River confluence. Of these, there are 11 water permits/rights appropriating 29.54 cfs containing the qualification requiring diversions cease after June 1st of each calendar year (Water Rights. 2023). Based upon the review of the stream gaging, reported water use, and our experience with using the White River stream gage near Oacoma to regulate water diversions, I recommend for the water permits/rights located in the lower White River reach, the June 1st mandatory shutoff qualification be removed and the qualification requiring a 20 cfs bypass as measured at the White River near Oacoma stream gage be added to those water permits/rights that do not already have it.

Specific Proposed Qualification Revisions by Water Permit

To standardize the bypass qualifications for the existing water permits containing a June 1 mandatory shutoff qualification in the lower White River reach downstream from the Little White River confluence to Missouri River, the following changes are proposed:

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1474-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for either to the land directly or off-stream storage until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1501-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for either to the land directly or off-stream storage until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1,

there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1504-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1529-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1557-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1630-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for off-stream storage until June 1st of each calendar year. After June 1st, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Management Board or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Board or its representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.

- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1765-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for either to the land directly or off-stream storage until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 2312-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

The water rights/permits listed below were issued with a separate qualification that should be retained:

- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs while pumping under this water right.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 2681A-2

Delete Qualification:

Water Permit No. 2681-2 authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly or to two storage dams until June 1st of each calendar year. After June 1st, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Chief Engineer. Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 2701-2

Delete Qualifications:

Water Permit No. 2701-2 authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly or to the existing dugout and storage dam authorized by Water Right No. 1415A-2 and Water Permit No. 2647-2 until June 1st of each calendar year. After June 1st, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Chief Engineer. Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer. *(Water Right No. 1415A-2 and Water Permit No. 2647-2 have been incorporated and are now licensed under No. 2647-2.)*

Water from the White River may be diverted to the dugout and existing dam authorized by Water Right No. 1415A-2 and Water Permit No. 2647-2 subject to qualifications Nos. 1 and 2. Diversion of stored water from either the dugout or the dam for irrigation of the authorized land is not subject the June 1st shut-off. *(Water Right No. 1415A-2 and Water Permit No. 2647-2 have been incorporated and are now licensed under No. 2647-2.)*

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Water Right No. 2701-2 authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly or to the existing dugout and storage dam authorized by Water Right No. 2647-2
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board is retaining jurisdiction of this permit in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Permit No. 2835-2

Delete Qualification:

This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the dugout adjacent to the White River until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Chief Engineer. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.

Add Qualifications:

- This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the dugout adjacent and hydraulically connected to the White River. Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.



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April 14, 2023

CHARLES STRAIT
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Subject: Amendment of the Mandatory Shutoff Qualification on White River Water Right No. 1557-2

Dear Mr. Strait,

The SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has reviewed all White River water rights and the historical, United States Geological Survey (USGS) stream flow records on the White River. The Chief Engineer is recommending amending those water rights with the mandatory June 1 shutoff qualification located downstream of the Little White River's confluence with the White River. This involves amending 11 water rights. The intent is to allow more efficient use of water when it is available by replacing the June 1 shutoff qualification with a 20 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) bypass qualification as measured at a USGS stream flow gaging station. Water Right(s) that you own or operate are included in those to be amended. Water Rights that did not have the June 1 shutoff qualification or are located above the Little White River confluence with the White River remain unchanged.

Attached is the qualification to be deleted from the water right(s) and the proposed new qualifications.

Based on a review of historical flow records, in most years, 20 cfs of flow is available in the White River after June 1 as measured at the USGS Oacoma streamflow gaging station. The amendment designates a US Geological Survey gaging station as the measuring point to determine if pumping is allowed. The gaging station has real time flow information that can be accessed online at <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/sd/nwis/rt>.

A hearing before the Water Management Board is scheduled at 9:45 AM (Central Time), Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in the Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre SD. Enclosed is the notice to be published on or before April 13, 2023, in one newspaper from each of the 7 counties that the White River flows through. This notice provides information on filing a petition opposing the proposed amendment or providing a comment. A petition must be postmarked by April 24, 2023, and allows you to participate in the May 3, 2023, hearing before the Board.

The staff report including affected water rights and the proposed changes is available at <http://danr.sd.gov/public> or contact Mark Rath at 605 773-3352 or mark.rath@state.sd.us. If you have questions; please call. DANR is willing to work to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program, DANR

Proposed Qualification Revisions

In order to standardize the bypass qualifications for the existing water rights/permits containing a mandatory June 1 shutoff in the White River reach between the Little White River confluence and the Missouri River, the following changes are proposed.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1557-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
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May 5, 2023

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Subject: Water Management Board removes the mandatory June 1 shutoff qualification and adds a streamflow bypass qualification on White River Water Right No. 1557-2

Dear Mr. Strait,

This is a follow-up letter to my April 14, 2023, letter concerning the proposed qualification changes to your White River water right. On May 3, 2023, the SD Water Management held a hearing to amend your junior priority date water right and made the following change:

Deleted Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Added Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
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- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

The amendment designates a US Geological Survey streamflow gaging station as the measuring point to determine if pumping is allowed. The gaging station has real time flow information that can be accessed on-line at <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/sd/nwis/rt>.

If you have any questions concerning this change, please contact Mark Rath at 605 773-3352 or mark.rath@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program, DANR