

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 9, 2022
To: Transfer 86147
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for water rights 34-119B, 34-213A, 34-215, 34-223A, 34-225, 34-227A, 34-2479, 34-10540, and 34-10541. The applicant seeks to change the place of use to cover land that is being irrigated outside the current place of use boundary described under these water rights. This application was filed in response to Notice of Violation E2022-2801. Points of diversion will remain the same. Ground water right 34-2479 is limited to the irrigation of 327.0 acres. The applicant provided a map identifying the 327.0 acres that will be irrigated with ground water. The water rights involved in this transfer when combined will be limited to 410.0 acres.

Authority to File:

Ramshorn Grazing is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record. The property at the current and proposed place of use is owned by Melvin Ellewein. Melvin Ellewein who was one of the presidents of Ramshorn Grazing passed away in Early March, 2022. Nolan Beard who is the current president of Ramshorn Grazing signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights were decreed in 2002. 2021 aerial photography shows land to be irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Water rights are regulated by WD 34. Place of use change only. No injury issues. This transfer will be processed with no advertisement. WD 34 watermaster was notified about application but did not provide comment.

Enlargement of Use:

Applicant provided a map identifying the 327.0 acres that will be irrigated under ground water right 34-2479. No enlargement issues as long as right holder limits acres irrigated under the ground water right to 327.0 acres and limits all combined rights to 410.0 acres.

Local Public interest:

No issues.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues.

Effect on Economy the Local Area:

No issues.

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area:

No issues.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.