

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 9, 2022
To: Transfer 86146
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This application proposes to combine and rearrange the places of use for water rights 22-7349 and 22-7373. Currently, water right 22-7349 covers 857 acres. Water right 22-7373 covers 747 acres. These rights overlap over most of their places of use. Applicant proposes to consolidate the two rights onto a 700.5-acre place of use, increasing the overall rate per acre. The resulting rate per acre (0.009 cfs/acre) is still well below a full water supply (0.02 cfs/acre).

Authority to File: Current owner of record for water rights 22-7349 and 22-7373 is Hibbert Farms. Application was filed by Idaho Property Holdings LLC and signed by Robert Fedoris, authorized representative of the company. Application included a copy of a Corporate Warranty Deed from Hibbert Farms to Idaho Property Holdings LLC for the entire existing and proposed places of use. Ownership for the water rights will be updated in the transfer approval.

Water Right Validity: Water rights are valid. Partial decrees were issued in 2008 and 2010. Aerial imagery shows consistent irrigation of the proposed place of use.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No issues identified. Points of diversion will not change. Water District 1 regulates water right 22-7349 (from the Teton River). Watermaster was notified of the transfer and does not object to its approval. Department determined that there would be no obvious hydrologic impact and did not publish notice of the application.

Enlargement of Use: No issues identified. Storage water from Fremont Madison Irrigation District used to irrigate the place of use. Conditions were carried forward recognizing the FMID storage water.

Local Public interest / Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No issues identified.

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.