

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 12, 2022  
**To:** Transfer 85852  
**From:** James Cefalo  
**Re:** Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to split off a 25-acre portion of right 15-7215 and to change the point of diversion for the split portion. The transfer will not change the place of use for the split portion of the right.

### Authority to File:

The applicants are the current owners of the existing place of use for water right 15-7125. The applicants filed an ownership change at the same time they filed this transfer application. Department staff have reviewed the deeds provided with the ownership change and updated the ownership of the right. Applicants are the current owners of record for water right 15-7215.

### Water Right Validity:

Water right 15-7215 was licensed on February 10, 2015. Review of 2015 and 2019 aerial imagery shows growing vegetation on the current place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

### Injury to Other Water Rights:

The applicants are proposing a point of diversion change for the 25-acre portion, which sits on their property. The authorized quantity to be diverted will not be changed. The proposed point of diversion is located 0.75 miles south of the existing point of diversion. The proposed point of diversion will be located within 300 feet of an existing ground water well (water right 15-7293).

Water right 15-7293 bears a priority date of October 10, 2007 and authorizes a diversion rate of 0.51 cfs and the irrigation of 25.5 acres. The well for water right 15-7293 was drilled in 2012. According to the well driller's report, the well was completed to a depth of 280 feet. Water was encountered between 120 feet and 270 feet. The static water level in the well is 133 feet below land surface. There is over 150 feet of water depth available in the well.

The Department monitors the ground water levels in the aquifer at a site located approximately two miles south of the proposed point of diversion. Based on the information from the monitoring well, the aquifer can fluctuate up to 30 feet in an irrigation season. This would still leave 120 feet of water column in the well for water right 15-7293 to supply that water right. Based on the information available to the Department at this time, it is unlikely that the proposed change will injure other water rights.

### Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither the rate, volume nor irrigated acres will increase as a result of this transfer. The rights involved will be split as defined by the application.

### Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

### 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.