

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 23, 2021
To: Transfer 85476
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer combines a 5-acre portion of right 35-14252 with rights 35-7083 and 35-14251 to create a 239-acre combined place of use. In 2012, parent right 35-2574 was split into 35-14251 and 35-14252 by transfer 77857. The priority date and the rate and volume per acre are the same for the 2 rights. Rather than splitting right 35-14252, it will simply be reduced by a 5-acre portion, and right 35-14251 will be increased by a 5-acre portion in this transfer.

Authority to File:

The applicants are the current owners of the rights in the transfer, and Bingham County parcel data show the applicants as owners of the current and proposed points of diversion and places of use.

Water Right Validity:

The water rights included in this transfer were decreed in the SRBA in 2002. Aerial imagery shows regular irrigation of the place of use through 2006. In 2007 all but 7.5 acres of the water rights were put into the CREP program. Aerial photos show continued irrigation of the 7.5 acres over the years. The CREP contract expired September 30, 2021. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The current and proposed points of diversion are in the same ESPA model cell, so a model run is not required. The application was advertised, and no protests were filed. The watermaster of Water District 120 reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The place of use is being rearranged to accommodate 3 pivots. The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the total acreage, diversion rate, and volume authorized for irrigation under these rights will not increase.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Effect on Economy the Local Area:

No issues identified.

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area:

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.