

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 3, 2021
To: Transfer 85318
From: Brian Normandeau
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for a 6-acre split portion of water right 22-7681. The new water right (split portion) has been assigned water right number 22-14429.

Authority to File:

Thomas and Lexie Hill are the current owners of record for water right 22-7681. The application included an Option Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Water Right, which gives Rocky Mountain Water Exchange (RMWE) an option to purchase up to 40 acres of water right 22-7681 from Thomas and Lexie Hill, as well as an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Water Right between RMWE and the applicants, Jeff and Kody Jeppesen, for the 6-acre portion of the right. The applicant is the property owner at the proposed place of use and point of diversion per Teton County parcel data.

Water Right Validity:

Water right 22-7681 was licensed in 2000. Aerial imagery does not clearly demonstrate any 5-year period on non-use for the six acres proposed to be changed by this application. Further, this right was involved in Transfers 85097 & 85099, both of which were approved in 2021. No forfeiture issues identified.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The proposed point of diversion is not located near any currently existing production wells. The application was not protested. No issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

Approval of this transfer does not result in an increase to diversion rate, total volume or total irrigated acres covered by this water right. No issues of enlargement identified.

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.