

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 29, 2021
To: Transfer 84843
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer was filed to change the point of diversion of right 23-11425 from the Palisades Canal on Palisades Creek to a three horsepower pump in the Snake River. Applicants property borders the Snake River. It is easier to pump water from the Snake River than convey water through the ditch to the place of use.

Authority to File:

The applicants are the owners of the right and have authority to file the transfer. According to Bonneville County parcel data the place of use and proposed point of diversion is owned by the Olsen Family Revocable Trust.

Water Right Validity:

Water right 23-11425 was decreed in the SRBA in 2005. Review of vegetation indices from 2013 to 2020 indicate regular irrigation of the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change. Right 23-11425 will be diverted via a small pump on the Snake River, but the quantity authorized to be diverted under the right will not change. The watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval. The application was advertised and was protested by the Surface Water Coalition. However, the protestants agreed to withdraw their protest if specific conditions were added to the approval to prevent injury and enlargement.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because neither the diversion rate nor the number of acres authorized for irrigation will increase. This right is currently diverted from Palisades Creek via the Palisades Canal. In order to prevent enlargement, a condition will be added to the right limiting diversion from the proposed point of diversion to those times when the right can be diverted at the current point of diversion.

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 this application.