

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 6, 2021
To: Transfer 85378
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to combine the place of use for water rights 35-7971, 35-8111, 35-14547 and 35-14548 and rearrange the combined place of use to reflect the current irrigation system layout. In total only 10 acres are being shifted within the 233-acre place of use.

Authority to File: Application was signed by Stephen Klassen, member and manager for Prospector Farms LLC. Small portions of the proposed place of use overlap onto property owned by Michael Heaney and property owned by PEP Farms. Application included signed statements from Michael Heaney and Chris Pratt (owner of PEP Farms), authorizing Prospector Farms LLC to pursue the transfer. The agreements make it clear that Prospector Farms will continue to own the water rights.

Water Right Validity: Water rights 35-7971 and 35-14547 are split portions of the same right and were decreed in the SRBA in 2002. Water rights 35-8111 and 35-14548 are split portions of the same right and were licensed in 1994. Satellite imagery shows consistent irrigation of the existing and proposed place of use.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No issues identified. Water rights are diverted from the same ground water well. Point of diversion is not changing. Watermaster for WD120 was contacted and does not oppose the transfer approval.

Enlargement of Use: Water rights are, and will continue to be combined with water from Aberdeen Springfield Canal Company. Water rights 35-8111 and 35-14548 include supplemental use conditions, requiring use of surface water supplies (from ASCC) before diversion of ground water. These conditions and conditions noting overlap with ASCC shares will be carried forward.

Local Public interest: No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No issue 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.