

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 7, 2021
To: Transfer 85268
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to rearrange and combine the place of use for four Big Lost River rights: 34-28G, 34-131B, 34-132B and 34-191. Currently, water rights 34-28G and 34-191 authorize the irrigation of 52 acres within a 76-acre place of use. Water rights 34-131B and 34-132B share a separate 97-acre place of use. This transfer proposes to create a 149-acre combined place of use for the four rights.

This transfer is being processed in conjunction with Transfer 84908 which proposes to change the place of use for a portion of ground water rights 34-12378 and 34-13829. The portion of these ground water rights are partially overlapped with surface water rights 34-28G, 34-131B, 34-132B, and 34-191. The portion of rights 34-12378 and 34-13829 being changes will be stacked with nearly identical surface water rights at the proposed place of use. In this transfer, the proposed combined place of use for the four Big Lost River rights will now be fully overlapped with the place of use for water rights 34-12378 and 34-13829.

Authority to File: Byron Pehrson and Loy Pehrson and their wives are the current owners of record for the water rights involved in the transfer. Byron Pehrson and Loy Pehrson signed the application. They are the current owners of the existing and proposed place of use according to Butte County property records.

Water Right Validity: Water rights were decreed in 2001. The proposed place of use has been consistently irrigated since the SRBA decrees.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No issues identified. Points of diversion will not change. Watermaster was notified of the application and did not provide comment.

Enlargement of Use: No issues identified. Water rights will be stacked with ground water rights. Combined acre limits will be included on the approval.

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.