

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 16, 2021
To: Transfer 85018
From: Michelle Watts
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion for water rights 35-14724, 35-14727 and 35-14730 to a new well to be drilled on the applicants property. Applicant recently completed an ownership change, updating the ownership records for a 2.4-acre split portion of three ground water rights. The existing point of diversion is a well located on a neighboring property. Applicants do not have access to the existing well.

Authority to File:

The applicants are Matthew and Aleisha Kruckeberg who are the owners of rights 35-14724, 35-14727, and 35-14730 after an ownership change with splits processed in January of 2021. Madison County parcel data shows a new 8 acre parcel owned by the applicants that contains the entire 2.4 acre place of use associated with the water rights. The applicants have authority to file the transfer.

Water Right Validity:

The rights in this transfer are splits from three rights decreed in the SRBA in 2002. Review of vegetation indices from 2003 to 2020 indicate application of water in the current place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights will not be injured by the proposed change. Rights 35-14724, 35-14727, and 35-14730 are currently within the ESPA boundary and the proposed point of diversion is in an adjacent cell. Therefore, no ESPA mitigation model will be required for the transfer. The transfer was advertised, and no protests were received. The proposed changes have been reviewed by the watermaster of WD 120, in which he does not oppose the approval of the application.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because water use will not increase as a result of the transfer.

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.