

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 2, 2021
To: Transfer 84894
From: Michelle Watts
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to relocate the point of diversion for three ground water rights to a proposed well site on the parcel owned by the applicants.

Authority to File:

Applicants Richard and Ann Oberg acquired ground water rights 29-14328, 29-14329, and 29-14330 through an ownership change with splits in July of 2020. Bannock County parcel data shows Richard Oberg as the owner of the place of use and proposed point of diversion.

Water Right Validity:

Water right 29-14328 is a spit from right 29-14045 decreed in 2004, 29-14329 a split from right 29-14047 decreed in 2002, and 29-14330 a split from right 29-14049 decreed in 2004. Review of vegetation indices from 2003 to 2020 indicate application of water in the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights will not be impacted by the proposed transfer. The points of diversion are being changed to a location on the property for a new well to be drilled. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received.

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.

Effect on Economy of the Local Area:

No issues identified.

Effect on Agriculture Base of the Local Area:

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.