

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2021
To: Transfer 84583
From: Brian Normandeau
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use and point of diversion for split portions of water rights 35-2876, 35-2329, 35-2330, 35-2153B, 35-2656, 35-2153C, 35-7082, 35-12656A, 35-2499, 35-12932, 35-2594A, 35-2153D, 35-12656B, 35-13716 and 35-13718. All split portions are combined to create one shared 68 acre place of use, and will be diverted from an existing groundwater well with a combined diversion rate of 0.99 cfs. Change of Ownership of rights 35-2153B, 35-2656, 35-2153C, 35-7082, 35-12656A, 35-2499, 35-12932, 35-2594A, 35-2153D and 35-12656B, and their respective split portions is accomplished within this transfer.

Authority to File:

The transfer applicant is Farms, LLC. The application was signed by Brad H Hall, who is a Manager of Farms, LLC based on documentation provided with the application. The property at the existing and proposed places of use and points of diversion for all rights is owned by the applicant according to Bingham County parcel data. A chain of title for the water rights undergoing change of ownership was included back to the current water right owner. The other rights involved in the transfer are currently owned by Farms, LLC according to IDWR records.

Water Right Validity:

The rights involved in this transfer were decreed in 2002. Review of aerial imagery does not indicate any forfeiture concerns due to nonuse. No issues identified.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The proposed point of diversion is an existing groundwater well, which is not located near any other production wells. ESPA model results indicated no mitigation required for the proposed changes. The application was not protested, and the watermaster does not oppose approval of the application. No issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

A total of 68 acres currently irrigated by the water rights being transferred will be retired from irrigation to create the new place of use. Approval of this transfer does not result in an increase to diversion rate, total volume or total irrigated acres covered by these rights. No issues of enlargement identified.

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.