

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 9, 2021
To: Transfer 84661
From: Michelle Watts
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to correct the place of use and points of diversion on water right 75-2105 to the historical locations. The changes requested by the applicants match the POU and four PODs on two historical documents from 1948: Application for Permit No. 20469 and Proof of Completion of Works from the Department of Reclamation.

Authority to File:

Applicants Daniel and Ashley Woodbridge are the current owners of right 75-2105. According to Lemhi County parcel data Daniel Woodbridge is the property owner of the place of use, parcel RP23N18E341801. The proposed new place of use and points of diversion are all located within the property boundaries. The applicants have authority to file the transfer.

Water Right Validity

Right 75-2105 was decreed in the SRBA in 2009. Review of aerial photography from 2010-2020 shows growing vegetation within the irrigation season 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 changes. The current owners want to re-establish the historic ditches in the correct locations and place the property back under full irrigation. The transfer was advertised, and no protests were received. Although the right is not currently in a water district, the application was reviewed by Cindy Yenter at the Salmon Field Office. She confirmed the locations of the historic ditches and irrigation areas and 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.

Effect on Economy the Local Area:

No issues identified.

Effect on Agricultural 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 of this application.