

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 22, 2021
To: Transfer 84579
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The applicant became the owner of 2 separate canal companies (Danskin Ditch Co. and Trego Ditch Co.) in 2006. These are still operated as 2 separate systems, and each has its own digital boundary. This transfer changes the former Danskin Ditch Co. digital boundary to include 17 acres historically irrigated with canal company shares. The acres were overlooked when the digital boundary was created during the SRBA. The original company names will be used to distinguish between the 2 United Canal Co. digital boundaries.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the rights included in the transfer. The company is currently registered with the State of Idaho as a corporation in good standing. The transfer application was signed by the vice president of the canal company.

Water Right Validity:

The rights included in this transfer were decreed in the SRBA in 2011. Water District 1 records show regular delivery of the water rights. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights should not be impacted by the change. Neither the point of diversion nor the number of acres irrigated will change as a result of the transfer. The Water District 1 Watermaster and I discussed the change proposed in the application. He did not oppose approval of the transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement of use. Although 17 acres are being added to the digital boundary, aerial photography clearly reveals that enough acres have been taken out of production (due to development in the area) to compensate for the 17 acres added to the POU. Neither the authorized diversion rate nor the number of acres authorized to be irrigated within the digital boundary will 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.