

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 9, 2020
To: Transfer 84352
From: Aaron Olson
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion for right 75-14968. The point of diversion for this right will be moved to the original point of diversion located on Sheep Creek in SENW Sec 14 T25N R21E.

Authority to File:

IDWR records show the applicants Michael and Janet Reese as the current owners of the water right, and Lemhi County parcel data shows they are the current owners of the place of use. The proposed point of diversion is at an existing ditch on USFS land with many other users. The Watermaster of Water District 170 stated there is adequate ditch capacity.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was decreed on November 17, 2008. Review of aerial photography shows no evidence of five or more consecutive years of non-use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights should not be impacted by the proposed change. The proposed point of diversion is the original point of diversion prior to a previous transfer. The proposed transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The application was submitted for review to the watermaster of Water District 170 and she does not oppose this transfer. Injury does not appear to be an issue.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in an increase of diversion rate, diversion volume, or acres irrigated. Enlargement does not appear to be an issue.

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.