

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 21, 2020
To: Transfer 84332
From: Brian Normandeau
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use and point of diversion for a 27-acre split portion of water right 31-11975. The transferred acres are combined with water right 31-12028 to create a 277.8-acre place of use.

Authority to File:

The transfer applicant is Mickelsen Properties LLC. The application was signed by Stephanie Mickelsen. Documentation provided with the application indicates Stephanie's authority to sign on behalf of the applicant. The water rights, and the land at the current and proposed place of use are owned by the applicant.

Water Right Validity:

Right 31-12028 was decreed 2/22/2002, and right 31-11975 was decreed 1/22/2009. Review of aerial imagery does not indicate any 5 year period of nonuse. No issues identified.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The transfer is moving a relatively small amount of water to an existing well. ESPA modeling indicated no mitigation required for the transfer. No issues identified.

Enlargement 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. The transferred acres have already been dried up as of 2020. Water right 31-11975 is an enlargement right. It carries a combined rate limit with water right 31-7229. The combined rate limit will be carried forward on the remaining portion of right 31-7229. The split portion of the right will include a combined rate limit with right 31-12028 (4.48 cfs), thereby preserving the enlargement characteristics of the split portion of right 31-11975.

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.