

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 15, 2020
To: Transfer 84063
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the place of use for a 1.0 acre portion of water right 75-14277.

Authority to File:

The applicants, Benjamin and Lisa Jones, are the property owners of the proposed place of use. According to documents submitted with the application, William and Cindy Clark are the property owners at the current place of use, and have deeded one acre of right 75-14277 to the applicants, which is proposed to be changed in this transfer. The deeds submitted were recorded with Lemhi County on 05/01/2020. Therefore, the applicants have authority to make the changes. Ownership of the split portion will be updated in the transfer approval.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was licensed in 2014. Review of 2019 aerial photography shows growing vegetation on 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 change. The place of use for the split portion is changed in order to better represent the current irrigation system. Neither the point of diversion nor the quantity authorized to be diverted will change as a result of this transfer. Since the proposed change will not have any affect on the source or impact other water rights, this application will not require public notice. The watermaster for water district 170 was contacted, and does not oppose the approval of this transfer, but did recommend adding certain conditions of approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither the rate, volume nor irrigated acres will increase as a result of this transfer. The place of use for the split portion of the right is simply being changed. There are no overlapping irrigation water rights on the property.

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.