

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 22, 2019
To: Transfer 83512
From: Jeff Nield
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of the transfer is to change the point of diversion and combine the place of use for water rights 34-33, 34-14316, and 34-14318 due to the installation of a pipeline from Munsey Canal and the installation of a pivot on the applicant's place of use. The change in place of use will correct an error with the number acres authorized to be irrigated in the combined acre limit conditions. The combined acre limit condition for rights 34-14316 and 34-14318 authorized the irrigation of 98 acres. Additively, the individual acre limits for these rights only authorized the irrigation of 89.5 acres. The transfer application will fix the error in the amount of acres that were authorized to be irrigated in the conditions.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the water rights. The transfer application was signed by Bruce Jacobsen, who is an agent that is authorized to sign on behalf of the LC.

Water Right Validity:

The rights proposed to be transferred were decreed in the SRBA in 2001. The number of irrigated acres found during review of 2017 and 2015 aerial imagery was about the same as the number of acres authorized to be irrigated by these rights. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

A pipeline is being installed to more efficiently deliver water to 8-9 water users on the Munsey Canal. The place of use for all rights are being combined and rearranged to reflect the installation of a pivot. The quantity authorized to be diverted under these rights will not change as a result of the transfer. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The water master had the opportunity to review and comment on the application and does not oppose the transfer. Injury to other water rights does not appear to be an issue.

Enlargement of Use:

The transfer will not result in any changes in rate, volume, or irrigated acres. 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.