

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 2, 2019
To: Transfer 83366
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer changes the period of use, place of use, and nature of use of a 4.4-acre portion of right 22-10762 in order to enlarge 2 existing ponds for wildlife storage. The increase in storage will be offset by a decrease in irrigation under this right. This transfer and companion transfer 83372 provide 9 AF to mitigate for the increase in evaporative losses due to the enlargement of the ponds. Permit 22-14344 will be used to provide the additional water needed to fill the ponds.

Authority to File:

The applicant provided a warranty deed demonstrating ownership of the water right. Ownership will be updated in the transfer. Teton County parcel data shows the applicant as the current owner of the point of diversion and place of use.

Water Right Validity:

Water right 22-10762 was decreed in the SRBA in 2008, and the right was included in Transfer 79974, which was approved in 2015. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The proposed reduction in irrigated acres is adequate to mitigate for the increase in consumptive use associated with the larger ponds. Neither the diversion rate nor the point of diversion will change. The application was advertised and no protests were received. The watermaster of Water District 1 reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval.

Enlargement of Use:

Both rate and acreage for irrigation were reduced in order to provide for the increase in storage volume. Also, a combined limit condition was added to the three rights now associated with the ponds in order to prevent enlargement. The proposed uses will not result in enlargement because enough acreage was removed from the current place of use to offset the increase in consumptive use at the ponds.

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.