

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 2, 2019
To: Transfer 83302
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion for water rights 34-2397B and 34-2397C. The existing point of diversion for the rights is located one mile north of the proposed point of diversion and 0.5 to 2.0 miles north of the irrigated acres. Currently, the right owner pumps water into the Westside Canal and diverts water out of the ditch at his property. By conveying water in the ditch system, he is subject to a conveyance shrink imposed by the Big Lost Irrigation District. The proposed change will move the ground water well right next to the irrigated acres, eliminating the injection into the ditch.

The existing point of diversion is a shared well. Water right 34-2397, owned by Joel Andersen, is also pumped from the existing well. Prior to filing the application, Seth Beal notified Andersen of the proposed change and Andersen did not have any issues with Beal moving his rights out of the shared well.

Authority to File: Applicants, Seth and Shelley Beal, are the owners of record for the water rights. According to Butte County taxlot records, Beal is the owner of the place of use for the water rights. Proposed point of diversion is on the Beal property.

Water Right Validity: Water rights were decreed in 2001. Place of use has been consistently irrigated since that time.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No apparent issues. Water rights will be pumped one mile south of the existing point of diversion. There are other irrigation wells in the area. The closest irrigation well is owned, in part, by Joel Andersen, who does not oppose the change. The closest domestic wells are 100 feet deep and the static water level in the area is 40 to 50 feet below land surface.

Enlargement of Use: No apparent issues. Both ground water rights are used in combination with Big Lost River rights. Combined limits will be carried forward in the transfer approval.

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.