

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2019
To: Transfer 83123
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion and place of use of a 2-acre portion of ground water right 29-7714 in order to irrigate a nearby cemetery in Bannock County.

Authority to File:

A search on the Bannock County webpage showed that both Jones and Gunderson were authorized to sign on behalf of the cemetery district. IDWR records show the applicant as the current owner of the water right, and Bannock County taxlot data also shows the applicant as the owner of the current and proposed places of use.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was licensed in 1993. Review of aerial imagery shows regular irrigation at the current place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights should not be impacted by the proposed changes. There is no evidence that the proposed changes will reduce the quantity of water available to other water rights. The transfer application was advertised and no protests were filed.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither rate nor volume nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer. Although the current place of use lies within the digital boundary of the Portneuf Marsh Valley Canal Co., the applicant does not own shares in the company, so unstacking is not an issue. Two acres will no longer be irrigated at the current place of use in order to prevent enlargement.

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.