MEMORANDUM

Date: May 1, 2019

To: Transfer 83114

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Right 23-4073 provides potable water to 9 homes, an office, and 2 shops. These buildings were originally constructed for the workers who built Palisades Dam. The original water system has deteriorated and needs to be replaced. The USBR proposes to replace the existing water system with 4 separate systems consisting of a total of 6 new wells. This application is 1 of 4 transfers filed to update the domestic water use there. This transfer will move ¼ of the right to a new well which will provide water for a recreation hall and 3 RV pads.

Authority to File:
IDWR records show the applicant as the current owner of the water right, and Bonneville County taxlot data shows that the place of use and proposed point of diversion are owned by the United States. The application was signed by the USBR Pacific Northwest Regional Director.

Water Right Validity:
The right included in this transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2004, and there is no evidence of non-use since the decree. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:
Other water rights should not be impacted by the proposed change. The current and proposed points of diversion are within close proximity to one another, and there are no other wells in the vicinity. There is no evidence that the proposed change 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 consumptive use will increase as a result of the transfer. The water used under the transferred portion of right 23-4073 will change from 1 home to a recreation hall and 3 RV pads, but the water use is comparable and will be minimally consumptive.

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.