MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2019

To: Transfer 82958

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 an 11.2-acre portion of ground water right 31-2465 in order to accommodate a small pivot.

Authority to File:
A business entity search on the Idaho Secretary of State webpage showed that Lane Newman was authorized to sign on behalf of the partnership. IDWR records show the applicant as the current owner of the water right being changed. Jefferson County taxlot data also shows the applicant as the owner of the current place of use and the proposed place of use and point of diversion. The applicant provided a letter from the lienholder giving its assent to the transfer.

Water Right Validity:
The right included in this transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2002. The acres associated with the pivot corners have recently been in the water supply bank, but were released from the bank at the end of 2018 in preparation for this transfer. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:
Other water rights should not be impacted by the proposed changes. The current and proposed points of diversion are in adjacent model cells within the ESPA boundary. Therefore an ESPA model run is not required. 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. The watermaster reviewed the transfer and did not oppose its approval.

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. 11.2 acres will be dried up at the current place of use 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.