

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 19, 2019
To: Transfer 82970
From: Jeff Nield
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion of rights 34-13719 and 34-13723.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of right 34-13723. The application includes a warranty deed from DeLone McKnight (current owner) to Donald and Judy Lord (applicants) to reflect the change of ownership of right 34-13719. Custer County taxlot information shows Donald and Judy Lord as the property owners of the proposed point of diversion.

Water Right Validity:

The rights involved in this transfer were decreed in the SRBA in 2002. The number of irrigated acres found during review of 2017, 2015, and 2013 aerial imagery appears to be the same as the number of acres authorized to be irrigated by the rights within the place of use. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The point of diversion is proposed to be moved within the same ESPA model cell, therefore an ESPA analysis is not required. The proposed transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The transfer was submitted to the watermaster for review and he does not oppose the transfer. Injury does not appear to be an issue.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in an increase in rate, volume, nor irrigated acres. Enlargement does not appear to be an issue.

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.