

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 18, 2019
To: Transfer 82887
From: Jeff Nield
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion of water right 34-2281A to reflect changes to the irrigation system.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicants as the current owners of the water rights. Custer County tax lot data also shows the applicants as the owners of the proposed point of diversion. The transfer application was signed by both owners of the water right.

Water Right Validity:

The right proposed to be transferred was decreed in the SRBA in 2002. The number of irrigated acres found during review of 2013, 2015, and 2017 aerial imagery was about the same as the number of acres authorized to be irrigated by this right. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The point of diversion is being changed to an existing well to reflect changes in the irrigation system. The current and proposed points of diversion are in adjacent ESPA model cells, so no ESPA model analysis is required. This transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The water master does not oppose the approval of this transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change does not appear to result in enlargement because neither rate, nor volume, nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer.

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.