

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 27, 2018
To: Transfer 82899
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for water rights 13-8028 and 13-8029 by creating a service boundary for the Read Lane Irrigation Company LLC. The applicant will irrigate 50 acres within the proposed service boundary. Applicant also proposes to remove unused points of diversion from the water rights.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of record for the water rights. The current place of use and point of diversion have historically been served by Riverdale Preston Irrigation Company, and is now served by Read Lane Irrigation Company. Water rights were split from Riverdale Preston Irrigation Company in an ownership change completed in October 2018. The application was signed by John Rowley, registered agent for Read Lane Irrigation Company.

Water Right Validity:

The original water rights were listed in the Dietrich Decree in 1920 and were included in Transfer 1973. Review of 2015, 2011 and 2009 aerial photography shows active irrigation at the proposed place of use. Review of delivery records from Water District 11 confirms that water rights 13-8028 and 13-8029 have been delivered in full since 2004. No apparent forfeiture issues.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

There is no apparent injury to other water rights due to the proposed changes. The place of use is being changed to create a digital boundary for the Read Lane Irrigation Company. This transfer also proposes to remove two of the three current points of diversion. A flow meter has been installed 1/2 mile downstream of the existing point of diversion, which will be regulated by Water District 11. Since this transfer will does not appear to adversely impact other water rights, it will not require public notice. Watermaster for WD11 did not provide comment, but is aware of the changes proposed by applicant.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes do not appear to result in enlargement because neither the rate, volume or irrigated acres will increase as a result of the transfer. The service boundary is limited to the decreed acreage of 50 acres.

Local Public Interest:

No issue identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issue 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.