

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 12, 2018
To: Transfer 82505
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for water right 21-13024. Icehouse Creek Ranch proposes to move the point of diversion to an upstream head gate and describe a more practical place of use.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current water right owner according to IDWR records. The applicant is the owner of the current and proposed place of use, as confirmed by Fremont County records.

Water Right Validity:

The water right included in the transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2007. Review of 2017, 2013 and 2009 aerial photography shows growing vegetation on the current place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No apparent issues. Water right is fairly junior when compared to other water rights on Icehouse Creek. Proposed point of diversion is located 3.5 miles upstream of the existing point of diversion. The existing point of diversion is the last diversion on Icehouse Creek. By moving the point of diversion upstream, water right 21-13024 could now be curtailed to provide water to senior rights on the creek. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received as a result. A watermaster comment was received, and he was not opposed to the approval as long as a lockable controlling head gate to be installed at the proposed point of diversion prior to any diversion.

Enlargement of Use:

No apparent issues. Neither rate, nor volume, nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer. There are no overlapping water rights on the current place of use.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

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.