

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 3, 2018
To: Transfer 82758
From: Jeff Nield
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The City of Firth's municipal wells are interconnected. The purpose of this transfer is to have all three of the City's wells associated with both of the City's municipal water rights 27-4128 and 27-4129. Prior to the transfer application water right 27-4128 was associated with one well in the NWSENE of Section 25. Water right 27-4129 was associated with another well in the NWSENE of Section 25. In 2001, the City of Firth added a third well to the system, but did not file a transfer application to reflect the additional well. This application is intended to include the 2001 well on the City's water rights.

Authority to File:

City of Firth is the current owner of record for the water rights. Bingham County tax lot data also shows the applicant as the owner of both the current and proposed points of diversion. The transfer application was signed by the Mayor of Firth, Vincent Larson.

Water Right Validity:

The rights proposed to be transferred were decreed in the SRBA in 2007. There is no evidence available suggesting that the rights have been lost through non-use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The Department published notice of the transfer and no protests were filed against the application. The City's wells are within the ESPA. A transfer tool analysis is not required because the points of diversion are within adjacent model cells. The watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose the approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because the authorized beneficial use under the rights will increase as a result of the transfer.

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.

