

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 26, 2018
To: Transfer 82193
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for a 21.6-acre portion of water right 31-7124. The 21.6-acre split portion will be added to an existing 1,777 acre permissible place of use that contains water rights 31-4089, 31-4090, 31-4117, 31-10405A, 31-10405B, 31-12322, 31-12323, 31-12324 and 31-12396. The 21.6-acre portion will be combined with these water rights to irrigate 765 acres. Conditions of approval under these associated rights, as well as the new split right, will be updated to reflect current combined limits.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current water right owner according to IDWR records. The applicant is also the property owner of the proposed place of use and points of diversion according to Jefferson County taxlot data.

Water Right Validity:

The water right included in the transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2002. Review of 2006, 2011 and 2015 aerial photography shows growing vegetation on the current POU, indicative of irrigation practices. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights will not be injured by the proposed changes. The changes include a POD change for the 21.6 acres being split from water right 31-7124, which is within the ESPA, requiring a ESPA model simulation to be completed. The model was run, and no mitigation is required due to the proposed changes. The transfer was advertised, and no protests were received as a result.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because neither the rate, volume nor irrigated acres will increase as a result of the transfer. The proposed POU for the split right will contain 1777 acres, but will have an acre limit of 21.6 acres within that POU.

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.