

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 26, 2018
To: Transfer 82396
From: Jeff Nield
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to rearrange the place of use of rights 29-7329 and 29-7972 to reflect recent changes to the irrigation system. The water rights will now be used to irrigate the soccer fields on the Portneuf Wellness Complex, which were previously irrigated with water purchased from the City of Pocatello.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the water rights. Bannock County taxlot data also shows the applicant as the owner of both the current and proposed places of use. The transfer application was signed by two county commissioners, who are authorized to sign on behalf of Bannock County.

Water Right Validity:

Water right no. 29-7329 was decreed in the SRBA in 2004. Water right no. 29-7972 was licensed in 1997. Aerial photos for 2009, 2011 and 2015 demonstrate continuous use of the full water rights. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights will not be injured by the proposed change. The place of use is simply being rearranged to reflect a new irrigation system. Neither the points of diversion nor the quantity authorized to be diverted will change as a result of the transfer. Since it is clear that the proposed change will not adversely impact other water rights, this application will not require public notice.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in increased use under the water rights.

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.