

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 12, 2018
To: Transfer 82351
From: Cooper Fritz
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer adds a point of diversion to water right 01-10028. The existing point of diversion is the Matson-Craig Canal. The added point of diversion is a pump in an excavated pond located in the NESENE of Section 35 T04N R40E. The pond is located less than 100 feet from the Dry Bed of the Snake River and is located approximately 1/2 mile from the South Fork of the Snake River. Applicant, Kelly Hill, provided an analysis from Rocky Mountain Environmental Associates confirming a direct hydrologic connection between the Dry Bed and the pond.

Authority to File:

The applicant, Kelly David Hill, has the authority to file. He is the current owner of record for the water right. Kelly Hill is the owner of the authorized place of use pursuant to Jefferson County records.

Water Right Validity:

The water right is valid. It was decreed in 2007. Review of post-decree aerial photography demonstrates consistent irrigation.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No other water rights will be injured as a result of this transfer. The application was advertised and no protests were received. A portion of the water right must be left in the Matson-Craig Canal to cover the conveyance losses in the ditch and prevent injury to the remaining users in the canal. Water right 01-10028 was decreed for more than an inch per acre (2.00 cfs on 54 acres). The higher rate was to cover conveyance losses in the canal.

The Watermaster for Water District 1 was notified of the transfer and provided a statement of concerns. The watermaster emphasized the need to clearly define the diversion rate associated with the Matson-Craig Canal and the diversion rate associated with the pond pump. A condition was added to the right to address the watermaster's concern. The right is limited to 1.08 cfs (0.02 cfs/acre * 54 acres) at the additional point of diversion, and 0.92 cfs (the remainder of the right) to be left in the Mattson Craig Canal.

Enlargement of Use:

No enlargement of use will result from this transfer's approval.

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.