

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 23, 2018
To: Transfer 82134
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to move a five acre portion of water right 35-8021 to the Black Hawk and Iron Rim subdivisions located in Basin 25. The split right will be used together with seven other irrigation rights that currently share a permissible place of use.

Authority to File:

An ownership change was recently processed, confirming that the applicant is the current owner of right 35-8021. The application was signed by an attorney authorized to sign on behalf of Wayne Properties. The applicant provided a letter from the two homeowners associations consenting to the transfer.

Water Right Validity:

Right 35-8021 was decreed in the SRBA in 2002. Post-transfer photography shows regular irrigation of the 223 acres authorized under the right. Forfeiture is not an issue. However, the GIS shape for water right 35-8021 is currently several acres too small. Therefore, five acres will be transferred from the right, but the GIS shape file for the unchanged portion of the right will not be reduced. Upon approval of this transfer, the applicant will file another transfer to rearrange the remaining acres of right 35-8021 in order to accurately reflect the current irrigated acres in each quarter-quarter.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The applicant provided an ESPA model analysis. It was determined that mitigation is not required because impacts are less than 2 AF per trimester. The application was advertised and no protests were filed. The watermaster of Water District 120 reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval.

Enlargement of Use:

In order to prevent enlargement the water user will identify the specific five acres to be irrigated under this right prior to use. The proposed change will not result in enlargement because the total acreage, diversion rate, and volume authorized for irrigation under the right will not increase.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Effect on Economy the Local Area:

No issues identified.

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area:

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.