

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 11, 2018

To: Transfer 82104

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to create a permissible place of use and to add points of diversion to supplemental ground water rights 33-2115 and 33-14852. After the changes the irrigation system will consist of five interconnected wells and several pivots. Most of the place of use is also watered with Blaine County Canal Co. shares.

Authority to File:

A business entity search on the Idaho Secretary of State webpage showed that Rod Pancheri was authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant. The applicant provided a warranty deed demonstrating ownership of the water rights being changed. The ownership will be updated upon approval of the transfer. Butte County taxlot data also shows the applicant as the owner of the place of use and the five points of diversion.

Water Right Validity:

The rights included in this transfer were decreed in the SRBA in 2000. Post-decree aerial imagery shows regular irrigation of the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights should not be impacted by the proposed changes because the total authorized to be diverted under the rights will not increase. Since these rights are supplemental rights, they will continue to carry supplemental conditions limiting their use. There is no evidence that the proposed changes will reduce the quantity of water available to other water rights. The transfer application was advertised and was protested by IGWA, but the protest was recently withdrawn.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither rate nor volume nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer. Individual water right acre limits and a combined acre limit will be added to these rights to prevent enlargement. These rights will be within a permissible place of use, but the applicant has identified the specific acreage to be watered by ground water. Although some of the proposed irrigated acres are outside the Blaine County Canal Co. digital boundary, there is no increase to the number of acres outside the boundary after the transfer.

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.