

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 14, 2018
To: Transfer 81726
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of the transfer is to split off 67 acres from water right 35-7837D, and change the place of use and point of diversion for the new split right. The applicant stated there was an easement between them and the land owner, but none was provided. The landowner, Jim Christiansen, reviewed the proposed transfer and signed the application, giving his consent to use the well on his property as the proposed POD.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the water right owner according IDWR records. The applicant is the property owner of the current and proposed POU, while H. J. Christiansen (Jim Christiansen) is the property owner of the proposed POD according to Bingham County taxlot data. Jim Christiansen did sign the application, consenting to the proposed changes.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was licensed in 1998. Review of 2015, 2011 and 2006 aerial photography showing irrigation practices and growing vegetation on the current place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights will not be injured by the proposed changes. The water right is being split to represent current irrigation practices and to update the point of diversion. The quantities authorized under the water right will not increase or change as a result of the transfer. The transfer has been advertised and no protests have been received. The transfer is within the ESPA boundary, but the proposed change is within adjacent cells, and therefore does not require a model simulation to be run. The watermaster will review the transfer before its approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither the rate, volume nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

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.