

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 29, 2018
To: Transfer 82065
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for a 77.8 acre portion of water right 35-14140 and a 5.2 acre portion of water right 35-14142 and combine those pieces with water rights 35-14141 and 35-14143 to create a 148.2 acre combined place of use. The point of diversion will change for the split portions of water rights 35-14140 and 35-14142.

Currently, water rights 35-14141 and 35-14143 authorize the irrigation of 65.2 acres within a 161-acre permissible place of use. This transfer proposes to eliminate the permissible place of use. The rights will now describe the actual irrigated acres per legal subdivision.

Authority to File: Houghland Farms Inc. is the owner of record for all of the water rights involved in the transfer application. According to taxlot data from Bingham County, Houghland Farms Inc. owns the land at the existing and proposed places of use. Application was signed by Luke Marchant, attorney for Houghland Farms. Application included a power of attorney authorizing Luke Marchant to sign for the company.

Water Right Validity: Water rights were all decreed on January 31, 2002 and all share identical priority dates. Aerial photography shows that the existing places of use have been consistently irrigated.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No apparent issues. Existing points of diversion and proposed point of diversion are within adjacent model cells. No transfer tool model analysis is required.

Enlargement of Use: No apparent issues. Existing limits will be retained on the split portions of 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.