

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 30, 2018
To: Transfer 82067
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to combine a 36.6-acre portion of water right 35-14140 with water right 35-2582 to create a 158.6-acre irrigation place of use. A point of diversion will be added to the split portion of water right 35-14140 and the other point of diversion will be changed.

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. Aerial photography shows that the existing places of use have been consistently irrigated.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No issues identified. Existing point of diversion are less than two miles apart and would be in adjacent model cells if the ESPA model grid were shifted slightly to the northwest. ESPA Transfer Tool model analysis is not required.

Enlargement of Use: No issues identified.

Local Public interest: 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.