

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 1, 2017
To: Transfer 81483 File
From: Bill Mills
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application for transfer proposes adding points of diversion (PODs), changing the nature of use of a portion of an irrigation ground water right and creating an 18.7 acre permissible place of use (PPU). Water right 37-8372 currently allows for the diversion of 0.04 cfs for the irrigation of 3.0 acres. The application is proposing to add three PODs, 2 existing and 1 proposed well to the water right. The transfer also proposes to change the nature of use of a 0.006 cfs portion of the water right to Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife uses and 0.75 af to Aesthetic Storage, Recreation Storage and Wildlife Storage with a Diversion to Storage of 0.006 cfs for use in a proposed pond with a storage capacity of 3.4 af. The proposed storage component of 0.75 af is intended to account for evaporative losses from a 3.4 af pond that is proposed in a companion application for permit 37-23029. The proposed requested change in nature of use would reduce the irrigation to 0.034 cfs, 8.86 af for use on 2.54 acres with 0.46 acres of irrigation dried up. However, due to difficulties with rounding and the inability to round to 100ths in Workflow, the acres to be dried up will be rounded up to 0.5 acres, the 0.006 cfs portion transferred to other uses will be rounded up to 0.01 cfs and the remaining irrigation will be rounded down from 0.034 to 0.03 cfs.

Applicant has provided sufficient analysis for the proposed nature of use changes from irrigation to recreation, aesthetic and recreation uses. See Attachment #8A and Narrative provided with transfer for a more detailed breakdown of the analysis. Overlap review finds there are two domestic rights (37-10684 and 37-13375) and an application for permit for heating, cooling and domestic uses (37-23028) within the proposed PPU boundary. A "206" map was provided indicating which 2.5 acres will be irrigated within the 18.7 acre PPU during this upcoming irrigation season. PODs and PPU are located in Water District 37 and Watermaster comments solicited and the Watermaster did not oppose approval of this application.

- **Authority to File:** IDWR records indicate the applicant is the current owner of the water right in this transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:** Water right 37-8372 was licensed on 6/3/1999. Recent aerial and satellite imagery indicates the properties involved with this transfer appear irrigated.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.

- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
Application was subject to public notice and was protested. A stipulation to resolve protests (dated 8/18/2017) has been received by the Department.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed uses are recognized as beneficial uses of water.
- **Effect on the Economy of the Local Area:**
None Anticipated.
- **Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Economy:**
None Anticipated.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing