

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 25, 2017

To: Transfer 81740

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer was filed to change points of diversion, add a point of diversion, and remove conditions associated with an exchange agreement which was recently terminated. The Big Lost River rights subject to the exchange were brought into the transfer as associated rights in order to remove the exchange conditions.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the rights being transferred. Butte County tax lot data show the applicant as the owner of the place of use. The application was signed by an attorney authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant.

Water Right Validity:

The 3 rights included in this transfer were decreed in the SRBA in 2002 and were included in transfer 79006, which was approved in 2015. Aerial imagery confirms regular irrigation of the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The applicant submitted an ESPA model run which showed that mitigation is not required. Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change because the quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The application was advertised and no protests were filed. The Water District 34 Watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The exchange has come to an end, but the proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the total acreage, diversion rate, and volume authorized for irrigation under each right will not increase.

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.