

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 27, 2017
To: Transfer 81757
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the place of use for water right 25-10609 to the correct historical place of use.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current water right owner on record, but is deceased. The representative, Todd Stowell, is the personal representative of the water right owner's estate. Jefferson County taxlot data confirms the applicant owns the proposed place of use. The applicant has the authority to file the proposed change.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2005. Review of 2009, 2011, and 2015 aerial photography shows little vegetation growth or evidence of irrigation practices. Todd Stowell was contacted to clarify irrigation practices, including how often irrigation occurred, what years, and the diversion system (see emails included in the transfer file). Through communication with him, it is concluded that forfeiture is not an issue, and irrigation has occurred on the proposed place of use.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change. The place of use is being corrected from the decree to how the water has been historically applied. Neither the point of diversion or authorized quantity will change as a result of the transfer. Since the proposed change will not impact other water rights, this application will not require advertising.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither the rate, volume or irrigated acres will increase as a result of the transfer. The place of use is simply being corrected to represent the place of use.

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.