

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2017
To: Transfer 81580
From: Cass Jones
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This application proposes to change the point of diversion, add points of diversion, and change the place of use for water right 31-7124. The applicants seek to cover acres that are being irrigated without a valid water right. The applicants propose to include right 31-7124 into the same 1777.0 acre PPU described under rights 31-4089, 31-4117, 31-10405B, 31-10405A, 31-4090, 31-12322, 31-12323, 31-12324. The water rights listed above along with 31-7124 when combined will be limited to 743.4 acres within a 1777.0 PPU. The applicants will utilize 6 existing wells. Rights 31-4089, 31-4117, 31-10405B, 31-10405A, 31-4090, 31-12322, 31-12323, 31-12324 were added to this transfer as associated water rights. Conditions of approval under these rights will be updated along with the acres being irrigated within the 1777.0 acre PPU. This transfer was filed in response to an unauthorized water use letter sent in 2016.

The legal description for the proposed place of use described in the application is in error. In Section 30, T08N 34E, the NWNW should be associated with Lot 1, the SWNW should be associated with Lot 2, the NWSW should be associated with Lot 3, and the SWSW should be associated with Lot 4, This transfer was advertised correctly. No re-advertisement is required.

Authority to File: The applicants are the current owner of the water rights per IDWR record. The property at the proposed permissible place of use is owned by the applicants and Orrin Roundy. Orrin Roundy has provided consent to allow the applicants to irrigate his property. Zions bank has been notified of the transfer and they have provided consent to allow the transfer to proceed.

Water Right Validity: Water right 31-7124 was decreed in the SRBA on 2/22/2002. Recent aerial and satellite imagery shows land being consistently irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights: ESPA analysis was performed and impacts to the ESPA river reaches are less than 2.0 af/trimester. No injury issues identified. Rights are within WD110. Watermaster does not oppose transfer. Transfer was advertised and there are no protests.

Enlargement of Use: No issues identified.

Local Public interest: No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use of water.

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.