

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 17, 2016
To: Transfer 80991
From: Kerrie Mathews
Re: transfer evaluation

Transfer No. 80991 for water right 22-162B proposes to create a 75-acre permissible place of use for a 50-acre irrigation right.

Authority to file:

The water right is currently in the name of Steven L Bates, a portion of the proposed place of use is in the name of George Bates and the balance is in the name of the Bates Family Trust. The application was submitted by George Bates. The applicant does not wish to process an ownership change at this time. An ownership change would require a split of the water right - In the near future George Bates will acquire the property in its entirety and complete an ownership update at that time. The applicant provided proof of ownership and authority to sign on behalf of the trust.

Validity of the Water Right:

Water right 22-162B was decreed on August 19, 2009. Aerial photography shows consistent irrigation. It appears water user has been irrigating more than 50 acres for many years. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No injury to other water rights was identified. The application was not advertised, there is no apparent hydrologic impact. The water master for WD 1 was notified of the transfer and did not oppose the transfer.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this transfer application.