

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 21, 2017
To: Transfer 81467
From: Amanda Weber
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the place of use and point of diversion for water right 32-10125. The applicant seeks to change the place of use to a field to the south for improved irrigation. The point of diversion change is intended to correct an error from the adjudication. SRBA Claim 32-10125 identified the point of diversion as the spring source (SWSW, Sec 17). IDWR conducted a field exam for the claim. Examiner correctly identified the point of diversion at the ditch heading in the SWNE, Sec 20. However, the legal description was never updated in the database. Consequently, the decreed point of diversion was listed as the SWSW, Sec 17, even though the water right was linked to the correct point of diversion in ArcMap (SWNE, Sec 20). This transfer will update the point of diversion to the correct, historical point of diversion in the SWNE, Sec 20.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current water right owner of record and is the owner of both the current and proposed place of use according to Lemhi County taxlot data. Carl Taylor, a registered agent for Double T Farms LLC, signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2001. Review of 2004, 2009, and 2013 aerial photography shows growing vegetation on the current place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change. The place of use is simply being moved in close proximity to the current place of use. The quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The location of the point of diversion is not physically changing and is only being updated to reflect where the diversion is actually occurring. The proposed change will not adversely impact other water rights so this application will not require public notice. The watermaster was notified but did not provide a comment.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither rate nor volume nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer. The place of use for the transferred right is simply being moved one field to the south. Water right 32-10125 is currently stacked with multiple irrigation rights from Willow Creek. It will continue to be stacked with the same water rights at the new place of use.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

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.