

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 27, 2017
To: Transfer 81370
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for water rights 31-4053, 31-4054 (16.0 acre portion), and 31-4055. The applicant seeks to move a 16.0 acre portion of water right 31-4054 and all of water rights 31-4053 and 31-4055 to cover 163.5 acres located on the west side of Interstate 15 by Hamer, ID. This transfer also seeks to fix a legal description discrepancy for these water rights. The 163.5 acres on the west side of Interstate 15 will be irrigated from a well located in the SENE of Section 21, 07N, 36E. The remaining portion for water right 31-4054 (13.6 acres) will be irrigated from a well located in the NENWSW of Section 15, 07N, 36E.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record and owner of the property at the proposed point of diversion and place of use per Jefferson County taxlot data. Lorin Walker who is a member of Walker land & Cattle signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

These water rights were decreed in 2005. Recent aerial photography shows land consistently irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Inside the ESPA and within WD 110. The location of the current point of diversion and proposed point of diversion are within adjacent ESPA model cells. No ESPA analysis is required. This transfer was advertised and protested. The protest has been resolved. The watermaster does not oppose the transfer application.

Enlargement of Use:

On August 15, 2016 Walker Land and Cattle was issued a NOV for irrigating approximately 16 acres in 2015 and approximately 14.0 acres in 2016 without a valid water. The NOV was issued for the property involved in this transfer. The NOV has been resolved through a consent agreement. As part of the consent agreement the applicant agreed to cease irrigating land not covered by a water right. Enlargement will not be an issue as long as the applicant does not irrigate more than 163.5 acres under rights 31-4053, 31-4055 and 31-12390 (formerly 31-4054), and does not irrigate more than 13.6 acres under water right 31-4054 (remaining portion).

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.