

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 25, 2016
To: Transfer 81216
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion to ground water right 29-7854. The additional well will be located in lot 5 of the Scholes Subdivision. Water right 29-7854 provides domestic and irrigation water to 19 homes in the Smith Road Water Users Association.

Authority to File:

The applicant, Smith Road Water Users Association, Inc., is the current water right owner according to IDWR records. The applicant does not own the property at the proposed point of diversion, but the property owner, Rodney Fisher, has signed the application. Rodney Fisher is the property owner at the proposed point of diversion according to Bannock County taxlot data. Application is also signed by Mark Christensen, president of Smith Road WUA.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was licensed in 2005. The right provides water for irrigation and domestic use, and aerial photography from 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015 shows growing lawns and houses in every taxlot. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change. A water well is being added, but the authorized diversion rate will not increase. The transfer has been advertised and no protests were received.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement since neither the rate, volume or irrigated acreage will increase as a result.

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.