

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 23, 2016
To: Transfer 81046
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for a portion of water rights 31-12179, 31-12338 and 31-7242. This transfer also proposes to change the place of use for water rights 31-11342 and 31-7171. The applicant seeks to dry up a combined 32.4 acres under end guns and move them to fill in a doughnut hole under a center pivot associated with rights 31-11342 and 31-7171. In January 2015, BLF Land LLC filed application for transfer 79771 seeking to move 48.0 acres from the center of a pivot described under water right 31-7171 and create a new pivot on other property that they own. In February 2016, transfer 79771 was approved. This transfer will move 32.4 acres under water rights 31-12179, 31-12338 and 31-7242 and combine them with 31-11342 and 31-7171 to create a 122.4 acre combined place of use. The applicant will be utilizing an existing well described under rights 31-11342 and 31-7171.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owners of water rights per IDWR record and owner of the current places of use and proposed place of use per taxlot data. The applicant is also the current property owner at the proposed point of diversion per taxlot data. Blaine Larsen who is the owner of BLF Land LLC signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

These water rights were decreed in 2002. Aerial photography shows signs that irrigation has occurred under the end guns in the past five years. There is no clear and convincing evidence of forfeiture. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

These water rights are inside the ESPA common ground water boundary and is regulated by WD 110. ESPA analysis shows impacts to the individual ESPA reaches are less than 2.0 acre-feet per trimester. This transfer was advertised and there are no protests. The watermaster does not oppose this transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified.

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.