

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 23, 2016
To: Transfer 80915
From: Cooper Fritz
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to move a 34 acre portion of water rights 31-62K and 31-63K and combine it with water rights 31-62L, 31-63L and 31-2337. The point of diversion and place of use will change for the split portion. The transfer also proposes to create a 152-acre combined place of use for the rights. The place of use will be rearranged for water rights 31-62L, 31-63L, and 31-2337.

The application was amended several times. It was advertised to the public on June 8 and 15, 2016. After public notice, the application was amended again. However, the last amendment only changed the proposed place of use slightly (changing from 150-8 acres to 152 acres). The change did not warrant re-publication.

Authority to File:

All of the rights involved in the transfer are currently in the name of Dan and Steve Murdock. They are the owners of the existing and proposed places of use and the proposed point of diversion according to Jefferson County taxlot data. Dan Murdock and Steve Murdock signed the transfer.

Water Right Validity:

The water rights are valid. They were decreed in 2002. Review of post-decree aerial photography indicates consistent use at the place of use as proposed in this transfer.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No other water rights will be injured as a result of this transfer. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The Watermaster for Water District 110 was notified and did not oppose approval of the application. The ESPA Transfer Tool shows an effect of less than 2 AF/Trimester, no mitigation is required.

Enlargement of Use:

No enlargement of use will result from this transfer's approval. Rate, volume, nor irrigated acres are authorized to increase.

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.