

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Transfer 80905
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and change the place of use for a portion of water right 22-4046 (now identified as 22-14206). The applicants recently obtained ownership of a 216.7 acre portion of water right 22-4046 and seeks to transfer 133.3 acres of the right to a new farm and combine it with rights 22-2222, 22-2287, 22-11185, 22-13475 and 22-13570 to irrigate 708.3 acres. Currently rights 22-2222, 22-2287, 22-11185, 22-13475 and 22-13570 authorize the irrigation of 708.3 acres. This transfer seeks to stack the 133.3 acre portion of right 22-4046 onto the same 708.3 acres described under rights 22-2222, 22-2287, 22-11185, 22-13475 and 22-13570. The applicant will utilize an existing well.

Prior to the transfer application being processed an ownership change for water right 22-4046 was completed. The 216.7 acre portion that was obtained by the applicants is now described under right 22-14206.

This transfer seeks to stack 133.3 acres of right 22-14206 onto the same 708.3 acre place of use described under rights 22-2222, 22-2287, 22-11185, 22-13475 and 22-13570. As a result, rights 22-2222, 22-2287, 22-11185, 22-13475 and 22-13570 were added to this transfer as associated water rights to update conditions of approval.

Authority to File:

The applicants are the current owners of water right 22-14206 per IDWR record and owner of the majority of the property at the proposed place of use per Fremont County taxlot data. Crapo Ag LLC owns a small portion of the property at the proposed place of use located in Lot 2 (NWNE), 06N, 41E, Section 1. Crapo Ag provided a document giving consent to include their property as part of the proposed place of use. Shawn Walters who is one of the applicants signed the application. The applicants provide a consent document authorizing Shawn Walters to sign on their behalf.

Water Right Validity:

This water right was decreed in 2012. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Inside the ESPA model grid boundary. According to the applicants ESPA analysis, impacts to the Snake River reaches exceed Departments depletion limits. To fully mitigate for potential impacts caused by this transfer, the applicants will dry up 15.5 acres under the remaining portion of right 22-14206.. The reduction to the water right will be reflected on the transfer approval document.. This transfer was advertised and there are no protests.

Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified.

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.