

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 17, 2016
To: Transfer 80839
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 rights 35-7026, 35-13716 and 35-13718. The applicant seeks to transfer a combined 24.0 acres from pivot corners located in Sections 14 and 24, T02S, R32E to cover 24 acres being irrigated without a water right. The applicant filed this transfer in response to an unauthorized water use letter sent in November 2015. The applicant will utilize an existing well described under water rights 35-2348 and 35-7929.

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 Bingham County taxlot data. Cole Hall who is a manager for Farms LLC signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights were decreed in 2002. Pivot corners appear to have been irrigated in 2011 and 2013. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Inside the ESPA and within WD 120. ESPA analysis shows impacts to the ESPA river reaches are less than 2.0 acre-feet per trimester. This transfer was advertised and there are no protests. The watermaster does not oppose the 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.