

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 25, 2016

To: Transfer 80857

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to rearrange the place of use of right nos. 22-42, 22-160, 22-545, 22-616, 22-13144, 22-13148, and 22-13160 to reflect changes to the irrigation system due to the installation of pivots. A 171.3 acre portion of rights 22-42 and 22-616 was leased to the water supply bank in 2013. Water supply bank staff have been contacted for comment. If this transfer is approved the applicant intends to release those rights from the bank and replace them with the rights included in companion transfer 80809.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the water rights. Teton County taxlot data also shows the applicant as the owner of both the current and proposed places of use. The transfer application was signed by the applicant's attorney, who is authorized to sign on behalf of the LLC.

Water Right Validity:

The rights proposed to be transferred were decreed in the SRBA in 2008. The number of irrigated acres found during review of 2009 and 2011 photography was about the same as the number of acres authorized to be irrigated by these rights within the permissible place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change. The place of use is simply being rearranged to reflect a new irrigation system. Neither the points of diversion nor the quantity authorized to be diverted will change as a result of the transfer. Since it is clear that the proposed change will not adversely impact other water rights, this application will not require public notice. However, the watermaster will have the opportunity to review the application prior to transfer approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither rate, nor volume, nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer.

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.