

## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** April 29, 2016

**To:** Transfer 80735

**From:** Michael Holliday

**Re:** Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion to an existing well on the applicants' property.

**Authority to File:**

The applicants are the current water right owners of record, and Power County taxlot data confirm their ownership of the place of use and the new point of diversion location.

**Water Right Validity:**

Right 35-8868A was licensed in 1998. Review of post-1998 aerial photography shows regular irrigation of the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

**Injury to Other Water Rights:**

Since the current and proposed points of diversion are located in adjacent model cells, an ESPA model run is not required. Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change because the quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The application was advertised and no protests were filed.

**Enlargement of Use:**

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because the total acreage, diversion rate, and volume authorized for irrigation under the right will not increase. Prior to this transfer the place of use shape file was 320 acres in size, based on full 40 acre tracts. However, right 35-8868A only allows for the irrigation of 264 acres. In order to guard against potential enlargement the shape file was updated to accurately reflect the authorized acreage.

**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.