

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 26, 2015
To: Transfer 80260
From: atorres
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes adding a point of diversion for water rights 31-10669, 31-12253, 31-12255, and 31-12257. A new well will be drilled in NESE, S12, T08N, R33E which will be limited to 7.00 cfs. If the transfer is approved, each of the four water rights will be associated with 14 wells.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the water rights. The company is currently registered with the State of Idaho as a corporation in good standing. The application was signed by the current registered agent. The new point of diversion will be on property belonging to Robert McCulloch, who has provided an affidavit granting the company permission to drill a well at this location.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights were decreed in 2002. Land appears to have been consistently irrigated per Department aerial photography. There is no clear and convincing evidence that these water rights are forfeited. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No issues identified. Water rights are within WD 110. Watermaster does not oppose this transfer. Transfer was advertised in the Jefferson Star, no protests were received. In the review for approval it was discovered that the original advertisement did not include all of the points of diversion listed on the application. Transfer was readvertised and no protests were filed. Second advertisement also included an error in the 10-acre designation for a well in Section 22, T08N R34E. The well is fairly close to the center line of the 10-acre grid. Rather than readvertise, the 10-acre qualifier was dropped from the POD description. ESPA transfer tool analysis not needed because the centroid for the existing PODs and proposed POD would be in adjacent cells if the model grid were shifted slightly to the east.

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.

