

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 26, 2016
To: Transfer 80593
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for water right 27-7003. The applicant has entered into a water right lease agreement with the Fieldings (right holder 27-7003) and seeks to move this ground water right onto his property to irrigate 271.8 acres within a 314.1 acre permissible place of use. Right 27-7003 will be combined with right 27-13B and limited to the irrigation of 314.1 acres. The applicant will be using an existing well located in the SENENE of Section 34, 02S, 36E.

Authority to File:

The applicant has entered into a water right lease agreement with Bryce and Mary Fielding (right holder 27-7003). The applicant is the current owner of the property at the proposed point of diversion and proposed place of use per Bingham County taxlot data (updated 3/1/2015). Rob Harris who is the applicant's attorney signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

This water right was decreed in 2006. Aerial photography shows that water right 27-7003 is appurtenant to land that has been consistently irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

This water right is within the ESPA model grid boundary. ESPA analysis shows that impacts to the ESPA river reaches are less than 10% of historic impacts. No mitigation required. This transfer was advertised and there are no protests. The proposed point of diversion and proposed place of use are within WD 120. The watermaster does not oppose the transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

Historically, water right was combined with surface water from Idaho Irrigation District (IID). IID has senior water rights from the Snake River and generally, as a company, has a full water supply. To avoid an enlargement right 27-7003 must be combined with another reliable surface water right. Right 27-7003 (271.8 acres) will be combined with right 27-13B (314.1 acres). Water right 27-13B is one of the most senior water rights on the Blackfoot River and according to the watermaster for WD27 is always deliverable. To prevent enlargement, water rights 27-13B and 27-7003 will be limited to the irrigation of 314.1 acres. No other enlargement 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.