

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 23, 2015
To: Transfer 80465
From: Cooper Fritz
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This is the second of two transfers filed simultaneously that rearrange the POU for portions of rights 34-2383, 34-14048, 34-14050, and 34-14052. It also authorizes a new groundwater point of diversion in either the NWSW or SWNW of Section 16, T05N, R26E.

This is the third of three transfers filed simultaneously on the Stevenson farm that together rearrange the POU for rights 34-2363, 34-7068, 34-2383, 34-14048, 34-14050, and 34-14052.

Authority to File:

The applicant, June Stevenson, has the authority to file.

Ms. Stevenson is the owner of the water rights, according to the Department's database.

Ms. Stevenson owns the land from and onto which the water rights are being rearranged.

Ms. Stevenson owns the land on which the new POD will be drilled.

Water Right Validity:

The water rights are valid.

They were all decreed in either 2001 or 2002.

Review of post-decree aerial photography indicates consistent irrigation.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No other water rights will be injured as a result of this transfer.

The transfer was advertised and no protests were received.

The Watermaster for Water District 34 was notified of the transfer and did not oppose approval.

Enlargement of Use:

No enlargement of use will occur as a result of this transfer.

Rate, volume, nor irrigated acres are authorized to be increased.

The combined water rights at transfer submittal had a rate of 0.02379 cfs per acre (6.52 cfs / 274.1 acres).

According to their combined limits in the partial decree in the Snake River Adjudication, the rights should combine for a rate of 0.02262 cfs per acre (6.74 cfs / 298 acres), or 6.20 cfs over 274.1 acres. The discrepancy appears to have arisen from a 2004 ownership change. The combined limits in this transfer's approval reflect the partial decree's rate per acre, and therefore are less than the combined limits proposed in the transfer application.

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.