

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 28, 2015
To: Transfer 80155
From: Scott Bergendorf
Re: Transfer Analysis

Applicant proposes to add two points of diversion for water rights 34-2459, 34-2460, and 34-10925 to authorize 4 total points of diversion. The proposed additional POD's are existing wells. No new wells will be drilled. The place of use will not change. Only three of the seven total ground water rights in this system will be included in this transfer.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record and owner of the proposed POD's per Butte County taxlot data (Mark's Well), and attached Warranty Deed (Big Hole Well).

Water Right Validity:

Water Rights were decreed in 1997. Aerial photography shows that at least 1012 acres are currently being irrigated by the applicant. This meets the requirement of the irrigated POU for the rights included in this transfer. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights

Inside the ESPA. Existing and proposed wells are in the same model cell; therefore no ESPA Transfer Analysis is required. Transfer was advertised and no protests were filed. The water master does not oppose the transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement of use. Neither rate nor acres will increase as a result of the transfer.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

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.