

APPROVING BLACK MESA TRANSFER #78428, FALL FIELD PREP

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Existing limitations to the individual and combined rights will remain in place. Other typical standard conditions will be used for each right as needed, for example:

- Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.
- Use of water under this right will be regulated by a watermaster with responsibility for the distribution of water among appropriators within a water district. At the time of this approval, this water right is within State Water District No. 2, Snake River.
- The right holder shall maintain a measuring device and lockable controlling works of a type approved by the Department in a manner that will provide the watermaster suitable control of the diversion(s).

Proposed condition of approval for typical irrigation plus fall field prep irrigation. Replaces the "irrigation plan" approach used in Matthews' Transfers 66132 and 66133. This requires the right holder to provide a current map/shape prior to transfer approval for the acres that have been most recently irrigated to establish a baseline from which changes can be made for fall field prep and/or standard irrigation changes as we move ahead.

Combined rights 2-103 and 2-2209B are limited to the irrigation of crops for a specific 838 acres within the 3,948 acre place of use authorized by the rights in a single irrigation season. The specific 838 acres to be irrigated by the right holder are shown in the electronic shape file associated with the rights in the geographic information system component of the water rights database maintained by the department. Before changing the 838 acres to be irrigated within the 3,948 acre place of use, the right holder shall submit a new land list and representative electronic shape file or map to the Department. Submittal shall occur prior to application of irrigation water for tilling, application of chemicals, or establishing fall planting in preparation for the next irrigation season. Application of irrigation water to the place of use represented by the new land list shall not commence until irrigation ceases and harvest is complete on the lands identified for irrigation in the current irrigation season.

Question

Your stipulated agreement limits fall field prep to 487.5 af. IDWR can include a condition along those lines if the parties agree, but it would probably be more useful for compliance etc. to specify it in acres instead of volume. What is an acceptable acre limit, if any, along those lines? Or is such a limit still desired?