

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 15, 2015

To: Transfer 79972

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The applicant has difficulty getting water to his property from the current point of diversion. The purpose of this transfer is to add a point of diversion closer to the place of use in order to improve water delivery. The applicant also seeks to rearrange the place of use to reflect the current irrigation system.

Authority to File:

IDWR records show the applicant as the current owner of the rights being transferred. The deed which accompanied the 2012 ownership change for these rights confirms ownership of the proposed place of use. The application was signed by the president, who is authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation.

Water Right Validity:

Rights 34-182 and 34-381A were decreed in the SRBA in 1998. Review of available post-decree imagery shows some years in which the place of use was not irrigated. However, there does not appear to be a consecutive five-year period of non-use. A temporary change application for these rights was approved in 2014. Therefore, the rights included in this transfer are valid.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed changes. The watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval. Although the proposed new point of diversion is located downstream from the current point of diversion on a losing river reach, discussion with the watermaster revealed that conveyance losses are uniformly charged to all diversions between Mackay Dam and Arco, regardless of their location on the river. The quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The transfer application was advertised and no protests were filed.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither rate nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer. Right 34-2379F is currently overlapped by the rights included in this transfer. Although the place of use for the two transferred rights is being rearranged, right 34-2379F will continue to be completely overlapped. Rights 34-182 and 34-381A will retain a condition limiting all three rights to the irrigation of 200 acres. The number of stacked acres will not change.

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.