

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 15, 2015

To: Transfer 79886

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer was filed in order to change the point of diversion from the Palisades Canal heading to a three horsepower pump in the Snake River.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the water right, and county taxlot data shows the applicant as the owner of the place of use and the proposed point of diversion.

Water Right Validity:

Right 23-11432 was decreed in the SRBA in 2005. Review of post-2005 aerial photography shows regular irrigation of the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change. Right 23-11432 will be diverted via a small pump on the Snake River, but the quantity authorized to be diverted under the right will not change as a result of the transfer. The watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval. He also said that the Palisade Irrigation Co. was aware of the transfer and that they were not concerned about the change. The application was advertised and no protests were filed.

Enlargement of Use:

This transfer will not result in enlargement because neither the diversion rate nor the number of acres authorized for irrigation will increase. This right is currently diverted from Palisades Creek via the Palisades Canal. In order to prevent enlargement, a condition will be added to the right limiting diversion from the proposed point of diversion to those times when the right can be delivered at the current point of diversion.

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.