

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2015
To: Transfer 79920
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for J R Simplot Company's Howe farm ground water rights. J R Simplot seeks to rearrange the place of use to cover land that they recent obtained in the NWNW of 06N, 30E, Section 33. Simplots Howe farm ground water rights when combined authorize the irrigation of 3002.0 acres.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record. The applicant is the current owner at the proposed place of use per Butte County taxlot data and tax assessments (33-2054 backfile). David Spurling who is J R Simplot Company's secretary signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

These water rights were decreed in 2000. Aerial photography shows land to be consistently irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No injury issues identified. This transfer will only change the place of use for the Howe farm ground water rights. These water rights are not regulated by a water district. This transfer will be processed with no advertisement.

Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified.

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.

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Re: Legal Notice Not Required

Pursuant to Section 42-222, Idaho Code, the Department has discretion to provide public notice as deemed appropriate. The water right changes proposed through this transfer application do not appear to change the effect on the original or hydraulically connected water source or affect other water rights. Therefore, staff review of the transfer application found no cause to require public notice. This application will continue processing without advertisement and be forwarded for approval consideration.