

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 25, 2015
To: Transfer 79771
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for a 48.0 acre portion of water right 31-7171. The applicant seeks to transfer 48.0 acres from the middle of a center pivot described under right 31-7171 to their property located in the E1/2 of 08N, 36E, Section 16. The applicant seeks to drill a new well.

This transfer is being filed as a result of pending application for transfer 79059 being protested by the US Fish and Wildlife Services. Transfer 79059 proposed to move ground water rights from various pivot corners to the same point of diversion and place of use (similar) described in this transfer. Once this transfer is approved, BLF Land LLC will withdraw their protested transfer.

Water right 31-11342 shares the same combined place of use with right 31-7171. Right 31-11342 was added to this transfer as an associated water right. The place of use and conditions of approval for right 31-11342 will be updated to reflect the changes that occurred under right 31-7171.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record. The applicant is the current owner of the property at the proposed point of diversion and proposed place of use. Blaine Larsen who is the owner of BLF Land LLC, signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

Right 31-7171 was decreed in 2002. Aerial photography shows land in the middle of the center pivot being consistently irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

This water right is located within the ESPA and is regulated by WD 110. ESPA analysis indicates impacts to the Snake River Reaches are less than 2.0 acre-feet/trimester. No mitigation required. This transfer was advertised and there are no protests. Watermaster does not oppose the transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

Enlargement is not an issue as long as BLF Land LLC dries up the 48.0 acres being moved under water right 31-7171 or files a water right transfer to backfill the 48.0 acres being removed from this transfer.

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.