

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 3, 2015
To: Transfer 79794
From: Allison Torres
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for water rights 31-2469, 31-7521, and 32-7014 to create a 724-acre combined place of use. The new place of use will accurately reflect the acres actually being irrigated under this water right. The well described under rights 31-2469/31-7521 and the well described under right 31-7014 are tied together in a common mainline. Water from both wells is used to irrigate the entire 724-acre place of use. The water user did not want to list both wells on all rights at this time.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record and property per Jefferson County taxlot data.

Water Right Validity:

Water right 32-7014 was decreed in 2000 and water rights 31-2469 and 31-7521 were decreed in 2002. Land appears to have been consistently irrigated per Department aerial photography. There is no clear and convincing evidence that these water rights are forfeited. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Inside the ESPA and within WD 110. Points of diversion are not being changed. No ESPA analysis required. Watermaster does not oppose transfer. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

No enlargement 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.