

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 2, 2014
To: Transfer 79631
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for a portion of water rights 35-2082, 35-13998 and 35-14000. This transfer also proposes to change the point of diversion for a portion of water rights 35-13998 and 35-14000. The applicant seeks to transfer 6.5 acres from water rights 35-13998 and 35-14000 and combine it with 130.5 acres from water right 35-2082 to create a 137.0 acre combined place of use. This transfer was filed to cover land owned by the applicant that was not covered by a water right. The applicant will be utilizing an existing well described under right 35-2082.

Rights 35-13994, 35-13996, 35-14353 and 35-14354 share a combined place of use with 35-13998 and 35-14000. Rights 35-13994, 35-13996, 35-14353 and 35-14354 were brought into the transfer as associated water rights. The place of use and conditions of approval for these water rights will be updated.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record and owner of the property at the proposed point of diversion and proposed place of use per Bingham County taxlot data. Western AgCredit has a security interest in water rights 35-13998 and 35-14000. Western AgCredit consents to this transfer.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights were decreed in 2002. Aerial photography shows land to be irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

These water rights are within the ESPA and are within WD 120. ESPA analysis shows potential 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. The watermaster does not oppose this transfer.

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.