

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 21, 2014
To: Transfer 79577
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 portion of water rights 31-7030A and 31-12206. The applicant seeks to dry up acres under endguns and transfer them to a new place of use where a pivot will be installed. A new well is proposed to be drilled.

Water rights 31-7030A, 31-7030B, and 31-12206 when combined are limited to 9.41 cfs. The rate of diversion being transferred is based on this combined rate limitation.

Water right 31-7030B was added to this transfer as an associated water right. Conditions of approval for this water right 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 Jefferson County taxlot data. Idaho AgCredit has a secured interest in land owned by the applicant that is involved in this transfer. Idaho AgCredit does not oppose this transfer.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights were decreed in 2002. According to aerial photography available to the department, there appears to have been irrigation occurring under the endguns. There is no clear and convincing evidence showing forfeiture.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Inside the ESPA and within WD 110. ESPA analysis concludes that impacts the Snake River reaches are less than 2.0 acre-feet per trimester. This transfer was advertised and there are no protests. The watermaster does not oppose the 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.