

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 2, 2014
To: Transfer 79337
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to split a portion of water rights 31-7159 and 31-2433 and combine the split portion of these rights (31-12337 & 31-12336) with water rights 31-7035, 31-7053, and 31-7029A to create a 409-acre place of use. The proposed place of use reflects current irrigation practices and addresses a pending NOV issued by IDWR in February 2010. 31-12337 will be limited to 3 acres and 31-12336 will be limited to 8 within the POU.

There appears to be a slight shift in the aerial photography, which makes it look like part of the proposed place of use includes ground in T06N R34E Sec. 35. The applicant does not own property in section 35. The place of use shape and the calculated acres were done assuming that the Section line is the road on the north side of the proposed place of use.

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 place of use. Howard Johnson who is the president of Desert Ridge Family LTD Partnership signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

2013 aerial photography shows land to be irrigated. Water rights 31-2433, 31-7159, 31-31-7053, 31-7035 and 31-7029A were decreed in the SRBA on 2/22/2002. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Inside the ESPA and within WD 110. Points of diversion are within adjacent ESPA model cells. No ESPA analysis required. This transfer was advertised and there are no protests. Watermaster does not oppose transfer. No issues identified.

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.