

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 22, 2014
To: Transfer 79272
From: Kade Raymond
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Transfer 79272 proposes to change the nature of use for all of water right 29-125 ^{and} a portion of water right 29-123. Irrigation use will be changed to diversion to storage / irrigation storage / irrigation from storage. The authorized irrigation place of use was reduced for the remaining portion of water right 29-123 as well as for associated water rights 29-121, 29-122, 29-7071, 29-1032, and 29-13499. The applicant is proposing to dry up 100 acres of irrigated ground and convert the irrigation use to irrigation storage, and irrigation from storage. This transfer was filed in response to a pending notice of violation that was sent to the applicant. The applicant had built a dam and a reservoir and filled the reservoir in the spring of 2013 without having a storage component to his water right. This application is to dry up acres to mitigate for the storage of water in the reservoir.

The weighted volume of water historically consumed was calculated using the ET Idaho website values for the historic crop data given (Alfalfa, frequent cuttings) for this place of use. The weighted volume was calculated to be 2.7 acre-feet. To cover the capacity of the reservoir (270 acre-feet), CV Ranches must dry up 100 acres of irrigated ground.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of the water right per IDWR record. The applicant is the owner of the proposed POU based on current tax lot data.

Water Right Validity:

Based on 2011 aerial photography 437.5 acres are currently being irrigated therefore forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The POU for the proposed transfer is located within water district 29. The watermaster does not oppose the approval of this transfer. The transfer was advertised in the Caribou County Sun and no protests were filed. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.