

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 22, 2014
To: Transfer 79200
From: Scott Bergendorf
Re: Transfer Analysis

Applicant proposes to change the place of use for water rights 29-51 and 29-11277. The applicant has recently updated its delivery system and would like to adjust its service boundary to reflect new irrigation practices. The applicant will continue to limit irrigation to 3,117.6 acres. Stockwater place of use will be the same as irrigated place of use for WR 29-11277.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record. Application was signed by Christopher Robinson, who is president of the Portneuf Irrigation Co

Water Right Validity:

Water rights were decreed in 2006. Water rights owned by the Portneuf Irrigation Company and are protected from forfeiture (Idaho Code 42-223). Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Injury to other rights is not apparent. Transfer was advertised statewide and there were no protest. Current service area will be expanded from 6000 acres to nearly 8100 acres. Water rights will continue to be limited to the irrigation of 3117.6 acres. Per phone conversation, the watermaster does not oppose the transfer. However, he believes the applicant may irrigate more acres than is currently allowed by the water rights if the transfer is approved.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement of use. Neither rate nor acres will increase as a result of the transfer.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

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.