

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right No(s). 63-5092 and 63-31970
From: Jean Hersley
Date: January 28, 2014
Re: Review of Applications to Lease Water Rights to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: Western Region received these applications on November 7, 2013. They were filed at Western Region and somehow routed to BSU before arriving at the state office. They are requesting a lease term of 5 years.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Applications were signed by Justin Martin, Manager. Verified on Idaho Secretary of State website.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: These water rights were decreed in 2007. Aerial photography indicates irrigation has taken place sporadically in the last 5 years.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident through the lease alone. Proper rental review should protect against enlargement.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST: Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES: The lease appears consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS: The leased right(s) are not subject to a Water District at this time.