

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 19, 2013
To: Transfer 78850
From: Cooper Fritz
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer application proposes to add a new point of diversion to water right 35-14286. The new well will be located in the NENW, Section 15, T04S, R31E. The other points of diversion are in SWSW, NWNW, SWNW, and SENE of Section 15, T04S, R31E.

Water right 35-14286 was created when parent water right 35-7384 was split into two parts. The well in the SWSW is actually associated with the POU for right 35-14287 (the other portion of right 35-7384). The applicant has requested that the well in the SWSW of Section 15 be dropped from water right 35-14286. After this transfer, water right 35-14286 will list four points of diversion.

Currently the two wells are used for irrigation, in the SWNW and SENE of Sec. 15. According to WMIS records, these wells supply a maximum of only 1,780 gpm. The water right authorizes the diversion of 2,200 gpm for irrigation. Because the existing wells cannot produce the full flow rate, the applicant has been unable to irrigate the full 310 acres authorized under the water right. The new point of diversion will allow the applicant to realize the full amount of irrigation described in the water right.

Authority to File

The applicant, Lyle Youngstrom, is one of the current owners of record for water right 35-14286. According to 2012 taxlot data, he is also the current owner of the proposed points of diversion and the place of use. The other listed owner on the right, Woodrow Youngstrom, is deceased.

Water Right Validity

The water right was decreed on 3/8/2002. Review of arial photography confirms the applicant's inability to irrigate the full place of use given the diminished flow rate. The additional water delivered from the proposed POD will enable the water right owner to fully irrigate the entire POU during any given year.

Injury to Other Water Rights

This transfer does not propose a change in the place of use or an increase the rate of diversion. Because the new POD is in an adjacent model cell to all current PODs, an analysis using the ESPA transfer tool is not required. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The Water Master for Water District 120 did not oppose the transfer.

Enlargement of Use

The proposed changes will not result in an enlargement of use. The water right's rate, volulme, and acreage will not be increased as a result of this transfer.

Local Public Interest

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources

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.