

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 20, 2013
To: Transfer 78632 File
From: Jana Reeder
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes creating a 5178.6 acre permissible place of use for 36 groundwater rights and 28 surface water rights (from Raft River, Clear Creek, and Cottonwood Creek) totaling 101.85 cfs on a farm located approximately 10 – 15 miles south and 0.8 miles west – 2.9 miles east of the center of Malta. The application proposes allowing for irrigation of 4433.3 acres and stockwater use within the permissible place of use. The application also proposes adding six new wells as authorized points of diversion and eliminating seven wells as authorized points of diversion for the 36 ground water rights. The six new wells will be drilled within the proposed permissible place of use.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicant is listed as the current owner of all the rights involved with the transfer according to IDWR records. In addition, a copy of the warranty deed was submitted with the application.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The rights involved with the transfer have been decreed in the SRBA as valid water rights. Recent aerial photography indicates that the lands involved with the transfer have been irrigated in recent years.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated with proper conditioning. A 206 condition will be needed to keep them within their acre limit of the larger PPU.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No issues anticipated.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Irrigation and stockwater are recognized as a beneficial use of water.
- **Effect on Economy the Local Area:** No issues anticipated.
- **Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area:** No issues anticipated.

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.