

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 26, 2013
To: Transfer 78719
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion, change the place of use, change the period of use and change the nature of use to a portion of water right 35-8873A. The applicants are seeking to dry up one acre under water right 35-8873A to provide water to cool a potato cellar and wash equipment year round. The nature of use will be changed to industrial. A new well will be drilled which will provide water to the potato cellar. This additional point of diversion will be limited to 0.02 cfs. The season of use for the industrial use under the water right will be 01/01-12/31.

According to the applicants the historic crops grown within the one acre being dried up has been a rotation of spring grain (4 of the past five years) and potatoes (1 of the past five years). The crop irrigation requirement (CIR) weighted average for spring grain and potatoes is approximately 1.9 acre-feet per acre. The industrial use under water right 35-8873A will authorize the diversion of 0.02 cfs and 1.9 acre feet.

Authority to File:

The applicants are the current owners of water right 35-8873A per IDWR record and owner of the property at the proposed point of diversion and proposed place of use per tax assessments. Idaho AgCredit holds a security interest in water right 35-8873A. Idaho AgCredit does not oppose the transfer.

Water Right Validity:

Water right 35-8873A was licensed in 1998. Aerial Photography from 2009 and 20011 shows land being irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Inside the ESPA and within WD 120. The applicants existing well and proposed well are within adjacent cells. No ESPA analysis is required. This transfer was advertised and there are no protests. The watermaster does not oppose the transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Effect on Economy the Local Area:

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.