

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 37-21668, 37-21677, 37-21686, 37-21695, 37-21704, and 37-21713

From: Sandy Hemenway

Date: May 14, 2013

Re: Review of Applications to Lease Water Rights to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: These water rights are being placed in the water supply bank, to prevent forfeiture. There are five of the water rights whose source is the Big Wood River, and one water right with a groundwater source. All six water rights are for the same 5-acres, with a combined limit not to exceed irrigation of 5-acres within a single irrigation season. There are no other combined limits.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: All six water rights are Decreed water rights based on Partial Decrees issued in 2010, under the name of Mark D Casson and Katja Cason.

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:

On 5/9/2013, Kevin Lakey, water master for WD37, responded via email, stating that he had no comments, and that he was copying the Wood River Valley Irrigation District on my email, since that is where this water is delivered.

On 5/13/2013, Kelly Shannon, the Wood River Irrigation District #45 (208)720-9311, met with the board, and the response was that there were no problems with these rights being placed in the WSB. (see 5/14/2013 email)

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Applicant/current owner was notified in the agreement cover letter that they should file an application for transfer for their well, since the location they indicated was different than the decreed legal for the well.