

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 35-14056 and 35-14058

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: February 25, 2013

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On February 12, 2013, the Department received applications to lease the entirety of 35-14056 and 35-14058 to the Water Supply Bank.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Carl Evers for Northern Agriculture.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: A review of 2011 imagery indicates the acres in question were irrigated.

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.

A January 3, 2013, letter from Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company references an application to change or add POD for Northern Ag into the company's boundaries. This is evidence the well for Northern Ag has never been used to deliver Aberdeen-Springfield shares before – the well was not administered by the Canal Company. Therefore, the canal shares that will be delivered in 2013 have not been mingled with the live water right for these lands.

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 leases appear to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.