

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 2-2371, 2-10032, 2-10034, 2-10035, and 2-10477

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: February 28, 2013

Re: Review of Application to Rent Water from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On November 19, 2012, Flying H Farms filed an application to rent water from the Snake River. I had advised Steve from Flying H to file the application to get a place in line but also warned him we had a large application for Basin 02 water before him. Since we are not processing that other Basin 02 rental, we can proceed with this one.

Flying H Farms requested a five-year rental but the leased rights in Basin 02 are such that we can't satisfy a 431-acre rental for more than 2013. The lessor might be amenable to a long-term agreement with Flying H, though.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Jeff Harper of Flying H Farms signed as an authorized representative.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water rights have previously been accepted to the Water Supply Bank.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident. There is an absence of combined limits on these rights, thus decreasing the chance of enlargement even more.

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 rental appears consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.