

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 63-33181

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: August 9, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On July 13, 2012, we received an application to lease all of 63-33181 to the Water Supply Bank.

The lease application is for all of the water right but spatial imagery indicated they are irrigating some of the POU. I sent a letter to the rightholders and spoke by phone with Willma Staples who confirmed they are irrigating some of the POU and it's all irrigated by the same well which also serves their domestic use. I told her I would determine how much acreage is being irrigated and accept only that not irrigated into the Bank. They are irrigating 1.9 acres according to my calculations, so we're accepting 2.8 acres into the Bank.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The right was partially decreed in the SRBA in 2007, so five years of non-use is not an issue.

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:

No watermaster in this area. No Department staff concerns.