

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 31, 2012
To: Transfer 78024
From: bjordan
Re: Transfer Evaluation

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for a portion of water 31-2271. This transfer also proposes to change the place of use for water rights 31-11730, 31-12274, 31-12275 and 31-12276. The rate of diversion to acre ratio for the irrigation system under water rights 31-11730, 31-12274, 31-12275 and 31-12276 is lighter than desired. The applicants are seeking to increase the rate of diversion to acre ratio for the irrigation system under water right 31-11730, 31-12274, 31-12275 and 31-12276. To accomplish this, transfers 78024 and 78027 were filed simultaneously proposing exchange acres between water right 31-2271 and water right 31-11730. This transfer will move 36.0 acres from right 31-2271 to increase the rate of diversion to acre ratio for the irrigation system under water rights 31-11730, 31-12274, 31-12275 and 31-12276. Transfer 78027 will move 36.0 acres from water right 31-11730 to backfill 36.0 acres removed by transfer 78024. The applicants will be using an existing well.

Because water rights 31-11730 and 31-2271 are involved in two transfers that were filed simultaneously, they had to be pre-split and assigned to a transfer. Water rights 31-11730 and 31-2271 were pre-split as followed:

31-11730 split into 31-11730 (transfer 78024) and 31-12310 (transfer 78027)
31-2271 split into 31-12309 (transfer 78024) and 31-2271 (transfer 78027)

The summary page of transfer approval document 78024 will show how water rights 31-11730 and 31-2271 were split.

Authority to File:

Applicants are the current owner of water rights per IDWR record and owner of property per Jefferson County GIS map server database. The water rights being exchanged are owned by Blaine Larsen (31-2271) and Orange Farms LLC (31-11730). For their consent agreement, Blaine Larsen and Orange Farms LLC jointly filed and signed application for transfers 78024 and 78027. Ownership for the portion of water rights 31-2271 and 31-11730 that are being exchanged will not change. Once the transfers are approved, the applicants will file separate water right ownership changes.

Validity:

Water rights were decreed between 2002-2003. 2011 aerial photography shows land to be irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Inside the ESPA and within WD 110. ESPA analysis indicates no additional mitigation will be required. This transfer was advertised and there were no protests. Watermaster does not oppose transfer. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

No enlargement issues identified.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with the criteria set forth in Section 42-222, Idaho Code.