

MEMORANDUM

TO: 85-2146, 85-4483 and 85-15424
FROM: Monica Van Bussum
DATE: June 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Bureau of Reclamation Water Supply Bank Lease/Rental Applications

SUMMARY

On May 25, 2011, the Department received an application to rent water from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). The application was signed by a representative of Karl E. Wirkus, Regional Director. The proposed rental period is June 1 to October 31, 2012. The water will come from Webb Creek, Lindsay Creek, Sweetwater Creek and Waha Lake and will be used to fulfill the Idaho Water Resource Boards's (IWRB's) instream right 85-15603. Similar lease-rentals have been approved, at least since 2007.

AUTHORITY TO FILE

The signatory of the application was a representative of the Regional Director for the BOR.

SUFFICIENCY OF SUPPLY

The water rights in the Bank, 85-2146, 85-4483, 85-15424, provide a sufficient supply to satisfy the lease-rental. The portions of water rights in the bank will be used for IWRB's instream right 85-15603.

INJURY

This transaction has been approved before without injury, and no injury is evident for this approval, either.

ENLARGEMENT

Attachment A to the application suggests a series of measurements, including methods, to ensure no enlargement. Putting an annual volume on the rental agreement will also help ensure no enlargement.

BENEFICIAL USE

The water will be used for the IWRB's instream right 85-15603, which was approved as a beneficial use.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST

Minimum streamflow rights are considered as being in the local public interest. This transaction has been approved before without hindering the local public interest.

WATER DISTRICT

The proposed rental is not in a water district.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend this application for approval.

	Right	Lease Rate	Lease Volume	Total Leased Acres
	85-02146	N/A	up to 1576.6 AF	N/A
	85-04483	up to 5.5 CFS	up to 1576.6 AF	N/A
	85-15424	N/A	up to 1576.6 AF	N/A
COMBINED LEASE TOTALS		up to 5.5 CFS	up to 1576.6 AF	N/A