

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 03, 2012
To: Transfer 77903
From: kraymond
Re: Evaluation Memo

Transfer 77903 proposes to change the place of use for water rights 34-834, 34-835, 34-836, 34-839, 34-2303, 34-4039, and 34-10585. In February 2012 IDWR conducted an investigation of irrigated lands within the Big Lost River basin using 2011 aerial photography and determined that the applicant was irrigating land not covered by a water right. The applicant is seeking to change the place of use for the above water rights to cover the ground that is currently being irrigated to prevent a possible notice of violation. There will be no change to points of diversion for the above water rights.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of all of the above mentioned water rights per IDWR record. The applicant is the owner of the proposed POU based on current tax lot data.

Water Right Validity:

All rights were decreed in 2000 or 2001. Based on 2011 aerial photography 519 acres are currently being irrigated therefore forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The POU for the proposed transfer is located within water district 34. There are not any point of diversion changes proposed in this transfer. There is no foreseeable hydrologic impact. The watermaster does not oppose this transfer. Will process as a non-advertised transfer. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.