

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 23, 2012  
**To:** Transfer 77744 File  
**From:** Corey Skinner  
**Re:** Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

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Transfer proposes adding a new well to be drilled, removing a well as an authorized point of diversion, and correcting the legal description of a recently drilled well within the A & B Irrigation District system. The new well to be drilled is located approximately 8.8 miles west and 3.0 miles north of Rupert and will be limited to the diversion of 3.0 cfs for use in the A & B Irrigation District system. Currently 12 water rights allow for the diversion of up to 1100.0 cfs from 193 authorized diversion points (wells) located in Jerome and Minidoka counties for the irrigation of up to 66,686.2 acres within the system. The application will allow for the continued diversion of water from 193 authorized points of diversion to maintain the overall production capacity of the A & B Irrigation District system. All 12 of the rights involved with the transfer were subject to recently approved transfer # 76927 (approved February 7, 2011). Note that Attachment B of this transfer application indicates that the new well will divert 3.00 cfs. Since the filing fee for the application was based on this 3.00 cfs amount, a condition limiting the diversion from this new well to 3.00 cfs will need to be implemented. The wells involved with this transfer are located within the ESPA and Water District 130 and are all located within the same, or an adjacent, groundwater model cell as an existing A & B Irrigation District irrigation well so a groundwater model analysis is not required.

- **Authority to File:**  
The applicant is listed as the present owner on the rights involved with the transfer. The United States Bureau of Reclamation is listed as the current owner on the rights involved with the transfer. The application includes a copy of a letter from the United States Bureau of Reclamation consenting to the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**  
The rights involved with the transfer were decreed in the SRBA. Recent aerial photography indicates that the rights involved with the transfer appear to have been used. The rights involved with the transfer were subject to recently approved transfer # 76927 (approved February 7, 2011)
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**  
None anticipated. The wells involved with this transfer are located within the ESPA and Water District 130 and are all located within the same, or an adjacent, groundwater model cell as an existing A & B Irrigation District irrigation well so a groundwater model analysis is not required.
- **Enlargement of Use:**  
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**  
No issues anticipated. The application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**  
Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use of water.

**Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.**