

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 2, 2012
To: Transfer 77781
From: William Mills
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes adding a second point of diversion for water right 36-2146, a 3.46 cfs irrigation ground water right. A new well is proposed to be drilled at the second point of diversion after approval of the transfer. If the new well provides sufficient water when tested, the old well's motor and pump will be moved to the new well to reduce construction costs and the old well will be abandoned in accordance with IDWR standards. Place of use is within the ESPA boundaries, but a ground water model analysis is not required as the new point of diversion is located in a cell adjacent to the cell containing the original point of diversion in the Department's ESPA ground water model. The new point of diversion is located approximately 3.8 miles north and 6.8 miles east of Murtaugh. Place of use is located approximately 3.8 to 4.0 miles north and 6.5 to 7.8 miles east of Murtaugh. Place of use is located within Water District 130 and the Twin Falls North Side Canal Company service area. Watermaster comments will be solicited. Since the application adds a well within the ESPA that doesn't require mitigation analysis, is within the POU of the right, and there are no wells within a ¼ mile of the new well, there is no anticipated hydrologic change, and the transfer can be processed and approved without advertising.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicants are listed as the current owners of the right according to IDWR records. A copy of a warranty deed has been provided for lands associated with the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Water Right 43-2146 was decreed in the SRBA on 12/3/2011. Recent aerial and satellite imagery indicate the property involved with this transfer appears irrigated.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No issues anticipated.
- **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.