

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 8, 2012
To: Transfer 77794 File
From: Nathan Erickson
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes to add a third point of diversion (well) and creates a permissible place of use for two ground water rights currently used to irrigate 258 acres (4.1 cfs & 1,032 af) on a farm located approximately 1/2 mile northeast of the center of Malta. The proposed well is to be located ¼ mile north and ¼ mile east of the center of Malta. The proposed permissible place of use is to add adjacent acres to allow flexibility in irrigation practices.

Water rights are located within the Raft River Critical Ground Water Management Area. Because of the nature of the changes proposed in this transfer application, it is recommended that this transfer be processed with a public notice and protest period.

- **Authority to File:**
IDWR records list Cedric Taylor as the owner of the right being transferred and the owner of the property covered by the PPU.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The right involved with the transfer was decreed in the SRBA in June of 2002. Aerial photography appears to support the use described on the right. Possible forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. The proposed point of diversion is ¼ mile south of one of the existing wells on the water right. The application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **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.