

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 30, 2012
To: Transfer 77669 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes transferring a 17.6 acre (0.22 cfs & 32.9 afa) portion of a groundwater irrigation right, 47-17568, from a farm located approximately 14.5 miles south and 1.0 mile west of Rogerson to stockwater and commercial uses associated with a proposed cattle facility located approximately 2.5 – 4.5 miles north and 0.25 – 1.0 mile west of Hollister. The application also proposes to modify the authorized place of use of the existing domestic and stockwater right, 47-17509, (0.04 cfs & 14.6 afa) at the site of the cattle facility to reflect the entire proposed site of the cattle facility. One existing well at the cattle facility will be used to divert up to a total of 0.26 cfs and 47.5 afa of water. Note that the place of use of groundwater right 47-17568 overlaps the place of use of two Mule Creek Rights, 47-7287 and 47-14285. The application includes a detailed supplemental analysis of the past use of right 47-17568. The application also includes a relinquishment form signed by the current owner of right 47-14285 relinquishing a 17.6 acre portion of right 47-14285. In addition, the application also includes a signed statement reducing the authorized place of use of right 47-7287 by 17.6 acres. However, note that the 47-7287 statement proposes to retain the full amount (actually a rather small amount) of irrigation storage volume and irrigation from storage volume authorized by right 47-7287.

- **Authority to File:**
The application includes purchase and sale documents that give the applicant (Idaho Water Company) authority to file a transfer involving right 47-17568. Documents signed by the current owner address overlapping rights 47-7287 and 47-14285. An authorization form signed by the current owner of right 47-17509 authorizes the applicant to modify right 47-17509 via the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**
All the rights involved with the transfer were decreed in the SRBA in 2010 or 2011.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
The current point of diversion for right 47-17568 and the proposed point of diversion at the cattle facility are located approximately 27 miles away from each other. However, both locations are located within IDWR administrative basin 47. In addition, the application includes copies of published reports relating to studies of the groundwater within the Salmon Falls Creek Basin in an attempt to show the interconnection of the aquifer between the current point of diversion for right 47-17568 and the cattle facility site.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated. Conversion from irrigation to stock water and commercial use (based on consumptive use of irrigation right) will result in a net decrease in the allowable annual diversion volume.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No issues anticipated. The application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed uses are recognized as beneficial uses 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.