

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 21, 2011
To: Transfer 77478
From: kmathews
Re: Transfer approval

Transfer No. 77478 for water rights 35-11033, 35-2030 and 35-2207 proposes to change the POD for these rights to one location on an unnamed stream to facilitate the more efficient practice of sprinkler irrigation. All of the rights list the unnamed stream as a source. The existing POD is located approximately 1/2 mile upstream of the proposed POD.

Water right 35-2207 also listed a POD on an unnamed drain in the area. Initially, it appeared the system would require a point of injection and redirection for the unnamed drain. However, it was determined that the injection/redirection is not necessary. The unnamed drain POD will be dropped from the right because the new common POD is downstream of the confluence of the unnamed drain and the unnamed stream. Water will be diverted into a new irrigation regulation pond, then distributed through sprinkler lines to the irrigated acres.

The applicant has also requested a slight change to the water right place of use shapefile for 35-2207. The acres per QQ will not change. This change will be implemented as part of this transfer.

Authority to file:

The water rights are currently in the name of Don L or Ruth Mae Adams.

Validity of the Water Right:

Water rights 35-2030 & 35-11033 were decreed in 2000, and water right 35-2207 was decreed in 2003. Aerial photography shows at least 248 acres have been irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No injury to other water rights was found.

Enlargement of Use:

No enlargement concern was found.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

This transfer attempts to conserve water, by implementing a more efficient irrigation practice.

Public Notice Requirements:

This transfer moves the POD all of the rights and requires advertising.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this transfer application.