

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 2-7065C and 2-10450

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: October 7, 2011

Re: Review of Application to Rent a Water Right from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On August 17, 2011, the Department received an application to rent water for irrigating 785 acres in Owyhee County for 5 years. We had previously processed this rental application in August, but received further correspondence from the applicant that they are negotiating to buy water right 2-7065C and wanted to satisfy the rental using that water right. Since 2-7065C is for 431 acres, it is not sufficient to satisfy the whole rental, so we are pairing the rental of 2-7065C with 2-10450.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Jeff Harper of Flying H Farms Partnership signed the application.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: 2-10450 has been in the Bank since 1991. 2-7065C has been in the Bank since 1992.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: There are several other water rights from the Snake River in this area, but most of them are senior to this water right. No injury is apparent. I also spoke with Steve Lester at our Western Regional Office and he indicated no concerns.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: The right holder does not have other water rights.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST:

Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

The rental appears consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.