

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 67-196, 67-197, 67-198, 67-199, AND 67-2113A

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: August 1, 2011

Re: Review of Applications to Lease Water Rights to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On July 26, 2011, the Department received lease applications for the above-mentioned water rights. All of the irrigation portions of 67-196, 67-197, 67-198 and 67-199 are to be leased. All but 2 acres 67-2113A are to be leased.

It looks like there is some confusion on the part of the right holder about their water rights because the POU descriptions on the lease applications matched those of the claims and not the recommendations.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Richard Pugh, a partner in Cuddy Meadows Ranch LLP.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: These rights were all partially decreed by the SRBA in 2009.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident through the lease alone. Proper rental review should protect against enlargement.

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 leases appear to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

An email from Watermaster Brandi Horton indicates no concerns.