

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 21, 2011
To: Application for Permit 72-16873 (Petersen Ranch Trust) File
From: Jana Reeder
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application 72-16873 in the name of Petersen Ranch Trust proposes the diversion of 0.33 cfs of ground water from a new well to be used to irrigate 20 acres of currently irrigated land located approximately 6.0 mi. south and 2.8 mi. west of the HWY 93 and HWY 75 junction south of Challis. The use of groundwater will replace the use of water currently diverted from Bayhorse Creek.

- **Effect on Other Water Rights:**
Proposed groundwater use is relatively small. If application is approved, and a permit is granted, it will be one of the more junior ground water rights in the area.
- **Sufficiency of Water Supply:**
Well is to be drilled next to Salmon River. No issues anticipated at this time.
- **Application Made in Good Faith:**
Additional efforts for permit are being pursued by Petersen Ranch Trust, Idaho Fish and Game and The Idaho Water Resource Board.
- **Financial Resources:**
Proposed application involves reduced diversion in Bay horse Creek to improve fish habitat and passage.
- **Local Public Interest:**
The Wild and Scenic 30-day letter was sent to the applicant's with no additional information being submitted.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is a beneficial use of water.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-203A Idaho Code or the Water Appropriation Rules (IDAPA 37.03.08) preventing processing of this application.