

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 72-16862, 72-16865, 72-16868 AND 72-16871

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: June 23, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 30, 2011, the Department received a Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership accompanied by applications to lease all of the resulting rights in the name of Christine Simon to the Water Supply Bank. The changes of ownership were recently completed, resulting in 4 splits of the parent water rights that are in Ms. Simon's name.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Christine Simon, the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Imagery indicates the property was irrigated in 2006.

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:

A phone conversation with Rick Philps, Watermaster for Water District 72C, indicates no concerns.