

MEMORANDUM

TO: File(s) 61-2163, 61-12039
FROM: Cynthia Bridge Clark
DATE: May 17, 2011
SUBJECT: Delbert Kohtz - Water Supply Bank Rental Application

SUMMARY

On April 7, 2010, an application to rent water from the Water Supply Bank was received by IDWR filed in the name of Delbert Kohtz. Water was rented for the same purpose in 2008 and 2009. This application is approved retroactively for use exercised in 2010, and authorizes use of water on the appurtenant lands through the 2011 irrigation season.

Application for Transfer No. 76825 was filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) by Delbert Kohtz, which proposes to transfer other water rights to a portion of the same place of use identified in the water supply bank rental application. Department staff does not expect the transfer to be approved prior to the end of the 2011 irrigation season (as per Steve Lester, Western Regional Office).

AUTHORITY TO FILE

The application was filed in the name of Delbert Kohtz and signed by Delbert and Fran Kohtz.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY

The rights were decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication on October 26, 2000 and leased to the bank June 1, 2005.

INJURY

No injury is apparent through the lease. The points of diversion of both the leased water rights and the proposed rental are within the Mountain Home Groundwater Management Area.

ENLARGEMENT

Enlargement is not apparent through the proposed rental.

BENEFICIAL USE

The water rented will be used for irrigation purposes.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS

Department staff processing the above referenced transfer applications should be notified of the rental agreement.