

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 16, 2011
To: Transfer 77234
From: jcefalo
Re: Eval Memo

This transfer proposes to rearrange the place of use for the irrigation element of the water right. Right 24-10700 authorizes the irrigation of 24.5 acres. 4.0 acres of the water right will be moved to a different part of the development property and irrigated for wetland mitigation. The other 20.5 irrigated acres will remain at their current location.

Water right 24-10700 just went through the transfer process in 2010. Transfer 75471 changed the nature of use for a portion of the right, drying up acres to cover recreation storage and wildlife storage associated with a pond on the development property.

Water right 24-10700 lists three points of diversion. Applicant is abandoning the point of diversion in the NESENW of Section 8 and would like the point of diversion deleted from the water right. The POD will be removed as part of this transfer.

Authority to File:

Applicant is the owner of the place of use where the changes will occur according to Caribou County taxlot data. Application was signed by Keith Miller, vice president of Caribou Lands LLC. Mr. Miller is listed as a manager in the Caribou Lands articles of organization filed with the Idaho Sec of State.

Water Right Validity:

This water right was decreed in the SRBA in March 2008. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The proposed change will have no hydrologic impact on Grouse Creek and will not injure other water rights. Existing points of diversion will be used to supply water to the new irrigation place of use. Transfer will be processed without advertising. Watermaster for WD01 does not oppose approval of transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement. Total irrigation will still be limited to 24.5 acres.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issue identified.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.