

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 14, 2011
To: Transfer 76280 File
From: William Mills
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer filed to modify 1.45 cfs of Big Wood River rights by creating a 107.5 acre permissible place of use (limited to irrigation of 36.5 acres) and converting a 0.06 cfs portion to aesthetic, wildlife, and recreation uses associated with a pond system described by companion application for permit 37-22594. Point of redirection is being moved approximately a 0.1 miles north from the Purdum Slough to the Osborn Ditch. The pond system, point of redirection, and proposed permissible place of use are located in the Cottonwood Creek Subdivision approximately 2.8 to 3.7 miles north and 0.8 to 1.0 miles west of Hailey. Point of diversion referred to as Purdum Slough located in Twp 03N Rge 18E S20 SESW ¼ is actually part of the open channel of the Big Wood River with no actual controlling structure for diversion present and was apparently added to the water rights in a previous transfer. As such, it was dropped from this transfer application to maintain accurate records that coincide with adjudication recommendations that placed points of diversion along the Purdum Slough and not in the open channel of the river. Additionally, the point of diversion for the Osborn Ditch, Twp 03N Rge 18E S20 SWNE ¼, was listed as a redirection on the application when in fact it is a diversion from the Purdum Slough, and has not been listed as a redirection in the IDWR database.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicant is listed as the current owner of the rights being transferred according to IDWR records and has provided warranty deeds for properties involved in the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Water Rights 37-577CG and 37-657E were decreed in the SRBA in May 14, 2009.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No negative issues anticipated. No hydrological impact anticipated.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use of water.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.