

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 71-4025 and 71-4026

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 28, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 23, 2011, the Department received applications to lease all of 71-4025 and a proportional share of 71-4026 to the Water Supply Bank through 2016.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: John Rember, a trustee for the right holder, signed the applications.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: These rights were partially decreed in the SRBA on March 16, 1999. The aerial photography is highly pixilated in this area, but does indicate some irrigation. Additionally, a phone conversation with Julie Rember, one of the property owners, indicates the pasture was irrigated in 2010.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident through the lease. Proper rental review will 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. The applicant/owner has been operating under an approved permit and a right licensed with the State of Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None. The watermaster was contacted but no comment was received, indicating no concerns.