

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 2-10316 and 2-10181

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: April 8, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On April 6, 2011, the Department received two rental applications to rent water from 2-10316 and 2-10181. The two applications seek rental water from the POD listed for 2-10316 and 2-10181 and for properties close to the POU's authorized under the water rights.

Neither applicant owns the land at the POD or POU but the applications included a farm ground lease for the POU's and a conveyance agreement for the POD.

The leased rights and proposed rental locations are in the Bruneau-Grandview Groundwater Management Area. The rentals propose taking water from the Snake River, and the rental PODs are the same as the lease PODs. Impact on the aquifer that would be different from activity under the leased rights is doubtful.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applicants signed on their own behalf.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Both water rights have been in the Bank since at least 2002. Additionally, both water rights were partially decreed by the SRBA in 2009.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident.

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.