

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 63-11343

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 25, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 22, 2011, the Department received an application to rent water to irrigate 5 acres from Dale Gust. The application seeks a 1- to 5-year term. The applicant has an application for permit (63-33263) pending before the Department. I spoke to Angie Grimm at the Western office and she indicated it will be some time before the permit is granted because it is in an area where there is some question about water availability for new appropriation and also the presence of hot water wells. Because of these unknowns about the application's future, I am processing the applicant's rental for the maximum requested term of 5 years.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The leased water right has been in the Bank since 2002.

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.