

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 37-231A and 37-233

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 17, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On April 23, 2010, the Department received companion lease/rental applications for 37-231A and 37-233. Transfer 75840 is being processed concurrently and should soon be approved. Therefore, this lease/rental will likely not be needed for 2011 and is only being processed for 2010. Additionally, there was a change of ownership between 2010 and 2011 from Spring Creek Idaho Ranch to Heart Rock Ranch. If another lease/rental is processed, we will need notification from Heart Rock Ranch.

This lease/rental combination seeks to do some of the same things as Transfer 75840 and is being retroactively approved. I have included the conditions in the draft approval for Transfer 75840 in this approval.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were filed by Chuck E. Brockway of Brockway Engineering, who filed them with power of attorney.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The rights were partially decreed the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) in 2009.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is evident.

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.