

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 31-7316

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 2, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On April 5, 2010, the Department received an application to lease part of 31-7316 to the Water Supply Bank. The Department had returned the application because of ownership issues (see my letter dated November 15, 2010), but those issues have been resolved and we can bring the water right into the Bank.

The original pivots for this right were larger than are there now. In fact, some end guns may have been idled or removed. The area to be idled is clearly visible when looking at the Water Right POU in ArcMap when compared with the 2009 imagery.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Golden Linford, the applicant and signer, is an authorized agent for Linford Inc., per the Idaho Secretary of State's business entities search.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water right was partially decreed in 2002 and the application received in 2010, leaving an 8-year gap. 2006 imagery clearly indicates the larger pivots in place, or the end guns on.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident through the lease. Proper rental review should 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.