

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 61-12254
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: March 3, 2011
Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On January 31, 2011, the Department received an application to lease all of 61-12254 to the Water Supply Bank for 5 years.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Joseph Morissette, one of the right holders, and was accompanied by a notarized statement from the lienholder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: 61-12254 is a split of 61-7384B. 61-7384B was partially decreed in 2000, which leaves an 11-year gap between partial decree and today. However, 2006 imagery indicates irrigation.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is apparent through the lease alone. 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.