

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Water Right File No(s). 72-10150  
**From:** Monica Van Bussum  
**Date:** February 9, 2011  
**Re:** Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

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**PURPOSE/NARRATIVE:** On February 8, 2011, the Department received an application to lease all of 72-10150 to the Water Supply Bank.

**AUTHORITY TO FILE:** The application was signed by the right holders.

**WATER RIGHT VALIDITY:** 2009 aerial imagery did not show much irrigation. However, a check of 2010 imagery, while it does not have the resolution of the 2009 imagery, indicates irrigation. As a check, the coloration of the area under 72-10150 in the 2010 imagery is very similar to the acreage obviously irrigated across the river in 2009.

**INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS:** No injury is apparent from the lease alone.

**ENLARGEMENT OF USE:** No enlargement is evident from the lease. 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. An email from Nick Miller, Watermaster of Water District 170, indicates no concerns.