

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No. 27-7073

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: December 15, 2010

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On July 27, 2010, the Department received an application to lease all of 27-7073 (369 acres of irrigation) to the Bank.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Larry Lewis, one of the partners of Lewis Brothers, Inc.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The partial decree for this right was filed in 2007 and the application was 2010, so five years of non-use have not elapsed. Imagery indicates use in 2009.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Proper rental review should protect against enlargement. No enlargement is evident in the lease.

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.