

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: December 16, 2010
To: Transfer 76646 File
From: Jana Reeder
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer is a joint effort between David and Susan Beck and the BLM to correct their water rights. Application proposes adding diversion points and/or changing the place of use for nine water rights. 45- 2516, 45-2549, 45-13446, 45-13786, 45-13994, 45-14302, 45-14303, 45-14304 and 45-14305. (Right 45-13906 was the base right for enlargement 45-13908, both were split upfront proportionately into rights 45-14302 and 45-14304 for the Beck portion and 45-13903 and 45-14305 for the BLM portion.) Transfer also proposes tying together five existing wells from nine ground water rights on an existing farm, changing the acreage slightly to reflect current irrigation practices and creating a new 1766 acre permissible place of use. The five existing wells located on the farm will be used to divert 22.83 cfs to irrigate 1760.2 acres within the proposed 1766 acre permissible place of use. The farm is located approximately 8.7-10.5 mi. south and 9.3-13.0 mi. west of the city of Burley from the intersection of Main and Overland.

Note, the transfer requests a change of ownership for water right 45-14303 and 45-14305 in the name of David and Susan Beck to the BLM and will dry up acres from an existing feedlot and move them onto BLM land pursuant to an agreement that was submitted with the transfer.

The properties and points of diversion are located within Water District 140 and also inside the ESPA smooth water boundary. Four of the five proposed wells are already grouped together on one of the rights involved with the transfer, and the fifth proposed well is located in an adjacent cell to one of the four wells so it appears that a groundwater model analysis is not necessary.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicant's are listed as current owners of water rights 45- 2516, 45-2549, 45-13446, 45-13786, 45-13994, 45-14302, 45-14303, 45-14304 and 45-14305. The application includes a warranty deed showing the applicants ownership of the lands involved with the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Water rights 45- 2516, 45-2549, 45-13446, 45-13786, 45-13994, 45-14302, 45-14303, 45-14304 and 45-14305 were decreed in the SRBA. Review of recent aerial photos indicates that the acres are being currently irrigated so forfeiture is not an issue.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated if appropriate conditions and limits are implemented.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No hydrological impact anticipated.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use of water.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.