

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 36-2467 and 36-2668
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: December 10, 2010
Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On November 1, 2010, the Department received these applications to lease part of these water rights to the Bank, for a total of 27.8 acres of irrigation.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by the right holder, Darrell James Baker.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: A review of Landsat imagery indicates these acres were irrigated in 2006, so five years of non-use have not elapsed.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is evident.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Proper rental review should protect against enlargement. No enlargement is apparent.

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.