

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 35-2924

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: November 19, 2010

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On August 13, 2009, the Department received an application to lease all of water right (industrial/stockwater from ground water) from Kevin Rhodehouse, represented by Rocky Mountain Environmental Associates.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Mr. Rhodehouse signed the application and is the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: 35-2924 was partially decreed in the SRBA on September 28, 2007, so there is no evidence of forfeiture.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is evident.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Before rental of this right, we will need to determine consumptive use. I have put a condition in the approval to this effect.

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:

I contacted James Cefalo, watermaster for Water District 120, on November 5 and 12 and received no response.