

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 36-16683
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: November 15, 2010
Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On August 26, 2009, and again on May 25, 2010, the Department received an application to lease a portion of 36-16683 for irrigation to the Bank. The May 25, 2010, was an amended application of the August 26, 2009, one.

One note is 148 AF was offered to the Bank. The right was authorized at 4 AF/ac. 148 AF for the 47 acres offered gives 3.14 AF/ac. We must stay within what was authorized by the right itself, so 188 AF is considered leased. Additionally, the right was authorized at 0.019 cfs/ac and the application only offered 0.015 cfs/ac. I am writing the approval for 0.019 cfs/ac, or 0.87 cfs total.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Zach Latham of Brockway Engineering, who has power of attorney.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: 2004 and 2006 imagery indicate irrigation of the land under this right.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is evident.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Proper review should protect from enlargement. No enlargement is evident.

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:

Attached email from the watermaster. No concern.