

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2010
To: Transfer 76189 File
From: Jeanie Robertson
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

This transfer proposes to make a 58.9 acre PPU, limited to a combined total of 51.9 acres in any one irrigation season, of two ground water rights at the Idaho Youth Ranch. 36-8256 for domestic, stock water, and 21 acres of irrigation is a licensed right already at the Youth Ranch and part of right 36-2315B (36-16795) for 0.54 cfs, 123.6 AF and 30.9 acres of irrigation is being transferred to the existing wells. There are two wells, one primarily potable and the other irrigation but it was confirmed from maintenance manager Terry Short that some irrigation around the homes is done from the potable well. Proposed use is within WD130 so Water Master comments will be needed. Location of the place of use and existing well is approximately 12 miles north and 4 miles east of Rupert. No advertising is needed because the transfer is only modifying the place of use to nearby lands, no mitigation was required, and the from and to wells are located within the same model cell 74-69.

- **Authority to File:**
Right 36-8256 is currently under the name of Idaho Youth Ranch and right 36-16795 is under the name of WG Farms. A copy of a lease agreement has been provided which leaves 36-16795 in the name of WG Farms but agrees to the transfer of 30.9 acres to the Youth Ranch for the PPU.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Right 36-8256 was licensed on 2/5/1994 and was not required to be part of the SRBA. 36-16795 is a portion of 36-2315B which was decreed on 8/27/2001. (36-2315B was split as a result of recently approved WG Farms Transfer 74429.) Recent aerial photos of the area show apparent irrigation so forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. No new wells will be drilled and a mitigation analysis submitted by Brockway Engineering showed no mitigation was required to move the 0.54 cfs of water to the existing wells. The from well is only ¼ mile to the west of the to wells and all are in the same model cell, 74, 69. There will be no apparent hydrologic impact.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated. Location is within Water District 130 so measurement and reporting will be required.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No negative impacts 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.

