

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** November 19, 2010  
**To:** Transfer 76927 File  
**From:** Corey Skinner  
**Re:** Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

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Transfer application proposes adding three new wells to be drilled and removing five wells as authorized points of diversion within the A & B Irrigation District system. Currently 12 water rights allow for the diversion of up to 1100.0 cfs from 195 wells located in Jerome and Minidoka counties for the irrigation of up to 66,686.2 acres within the system. The application proposes allowing for the diversion of water from 193 authorized diversion points to maintain the overall production capacity of the A & B Irrigation District system. The three new wells are located approximately 5.5 miles north and 0.6 miles east of Rupert, approximately 7.8 miles north and 4.3 miles east of Rupert, and 7.1 miles north and 8.6 miles east of Rupert. All 12 of the rights involved with this transfer were subject to recently approved transfer # 75339 (approved July 24, 2009). Note that Attachment B of this transfer application indicates that the three proposed well(s) are intended to divert approximately 17.0 cfs. Since the filing fee for the application was based on this 17.0 cfs amount, a condition limiting the combined diversion from the three new wells to 17.0 cfs needs to be implemented. The three new wells are located within the ESPA and Water District 130 and are all located within the same, or an adjacent, groundwater model cell as an existing A & B Irrigation District irrigation well so a groundwater model analysis is not required.

- **Authority to File:**  
The applicant is listed as the present owner on the rights involved with the transfer. The United States Bureau of Reclamation is listed as the current owner on the rights involved with the transfer. The application includes a copy of a letter from the United States Bureau of Reclamation consenting to the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**  
Rights involved with the transfer were decreed in the SRBA. Recent aerial photography indicates that the rights involved with the transfer appear to have been used.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**  
None anticipated. The three new wells are all located within the same, or an adjacent, groundwater model cell as an existing A & B Irrigation District irrigation well so a groundwater model analysis is not required.
- **Enlargement of Use:**  
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**  
No issues anticipated. Application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **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.**