

MEMORANDUM

To: File 29-13241

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: October 22, 2010

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On October 21, 2010, the Department received an application to rent 2 cfs (50 AF) of water from the Portneuf River for diversion to storage and recreation storage. The purpose was to allow initial fill of a pond for the Idaho Dept of Fish & Game (IDFG).

No Portneuf River leases currently have a diversion rate as high as 2 cfs. Basin 29 is a very active rental area and it can be difficult to find a lease to satisfy a rental. 29-13241 is the best candidate because it provides the diversion volume, although not the requested diversion rate.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Application was submitted by David Teuscher, Regional Fisheries Manager for IDFG.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: 29-13241 was used in 2006 and 2009 per aerial imagery, and was validated upon its entry into the Bank.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Proper conditioning of the rental should protect against enlargement.

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:

Marshall Wheatley, Watermaster for Water District 29D, said he did not have concerns.