

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 45-13998 and 45-14000

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: September 27, 2010

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On September 21, 2010, the Department received an application to lease water rights 45-13998 and 45-14000 until January 1, 2012.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was filed by David Pickett, the secretary/treasurer of Pickett Ranch & Sheep Co.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Partial decrees were filed May 13, 2005, which is when the forfeiture clock would have started. The application was received December 19, 2007, less than two years after the partial decrees, so forfeiture it not an issue.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: There does not appear to be injury to other rights.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: The rights are stacked with each other and there does not appear to be risk of enlargement when renting them, provided the rental analysis is done appropriately.

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: The source for these water rights is ground water and are not included in a consumptive water management area.

RENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: Conditions of the right should be considered prior to rental (see injury to other water rights).