

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 24, 2010
To: Transfer 75604
From: dkidman/bjordan
Re: Transfer Evaluation

This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion to update the water right. Changing the POD on August 12, 2003 was in conjunction with Upper Salmon River Basin Watershed project. The delivery system was changed to a 10 inch buried pipe for a closed system and from flood irrigate to sprinkler. Fish and Game installed a fish screen and supplied the shutoff valve for the new system. A POD in Lot 1 should have been added to the water right but never was done. Hutchings attempted to file a transfer (T3164) for the addition of the new POD but the POD was located in the wrong QQ. On 9-17-2004, IDWR refunded the fee for T3164 stating that the POD already existed. Water right 75-14598 lists the POD at T19N R21E Sec 1 Lot 3 and will be retained for use in case of emergency.

Applicant has supplied an easement with for the fish screen from the Department of Fish and Game. Applicant has an easement agreement with Ella Deutchman for the buried pipe.

Applicant has supplied a water requirement report from the Soil Conservation Service dated November 5, 1989. The soil analysis concluded that 2.5 inches per acre is required to irrigate the POU based on the soil composition. A memorandum from Dave Tuthill stating that 2.5 inches would be the flow rate is included.

Authority to File:

Applicant is listed as the current owner on IDWR records. The county tax lot information verifies ownership by the applicant. Applicant supplied an easement agreement and warranty deed for the installation of the buried pipe line.

Water Right Validity

Decreed in 2010. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

There is no water district for the location of this water right. Addition of diversion is only to update water right to reflect the way it is being used. General area will be the same before and after this transfer. There are several other water right holders that use the buried pipe for their delivery system. The installation of the buried pipe and fish screen has not caused any injury to Twelvemile Creek or to other water rights downstream. This change is beneficial to fish and have increased the efficiency use of water.

There are approximately 14 other water rights that are diverted at or in between the existing and proposed POD. The applicants have an earlier or same priority date than those who divert at or in between the existing and proposed POD. No injury issues identified.

This transfer was advertised and was protested. However all protests have been resolved.

POU/POD is within the Salmon-Clearwater Moratorium and the Wilderness Moratorium.

Enlargement of Use
No apparent increase will result from this transfer.

Local Public Interest
No negative impacts anticipated.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources
Installation of the fish screen allowed applicant to replace an open ditch with a buried pipe line. This new system allows a more efficient use of water.