

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 27, 2010
To: Application for Permit 72-16837
From: Bill Mills
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes diverting 0.04 cfs of ground water for the irrigation of 1.2 acres on property located approximately 3.9 miles north and 0.9 miles east of Challis. An existing well located on the property will serve as the point of diversion. This same well furnishes water for domestic use and 0.04 cfs under water right 72-7256 for the irrigation of 1.2 acres adjacent to proposed 1.2 acres requested for irrigation on application.

- **Effect on Other Water Rights:**
Proposed groundwater use is relatively small. If application is approved, and a permit is granted, it will be one of the more junior ground water rights in the area. In addition, the well has been operational for a few years with no reported complaints from neighbors.
- **Sufficiency of Water Supply:**
Well was drilled in August 2007 (well drillers report filed with application). Well drillers log indicates that the existing well is adequate (produces about 15 -20 gpm) to supply the anticipated water need(s).
- **Application Made in Good Faith:**
Well has already been drilled and current application is an attempt to obtain a water right for use from existing well.
- **Financial Resources:**
Well has already been drilled, so the primary expense of the development is not applicable.
- **Local Public Interest:**
The applicant has solicited comments from interested agencies.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is a beneficial use of water.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-203A Idaho Code or the Water Appropriation Rules (IDAPA 37.03.08) preventing processing of this application.