

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 9, 2010
To: Transfer 76268 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes creating a 3,089.5 acre permissible place of use for 23 ground water rights and three Raft River water rights on a farm located approximately 11.0 - 15.75 miles north and 5.25 - 7.6 miles east of Malta. Up to 34.19 cfs will be diverted from nine wells located on the farm and up to 4.8 cfs will be diverted from a Raft River diversion point located near the north end of the farm. Water will be delivered via an interconnected system and used to irrigate no more than 2,653.3 acres within the proposed 3,089.5 acre permissible place of use. The area associated with the transfer is located within the Raft River Critical Groundwater Area. The points of diversion are located outside the ESPA smooth water boundary and are not associated with any water district.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicant is listed as the current owner of the rights involved with the transfer according to IDWR records. In addition, copies of various deeds are included with the application showing that the applicant owns the proposed place of use.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The rights involved with the transfer have been decreed in the SRBA as valid rights. Recent aerial photography indicates that the lands involved with the transfer have been irrigated in recent years.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No issues anticipated. Transfer 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.