

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 14, 2009
To: Transfer 74555
From: narave
Re: Transfer Evaluation

The purpose of this transfer is to incorporate an irrigation right which the city purchased into the city system. This water right will be used to irrigate parks and other common areas within the city.

The ESPAM analysis tool was used to determine the effect of this transfer on the gains of the major reaches of the Snake River. This was done assuming the entire right would be transferred from the well currently in use under this right to the wells owned by the City of Blackfoot. The well located SESWSW L4 Sec. 30 T02S R35E was the only well which caused the model to exceed the 5% change or 2 acre-feet standard. The model was rerun until the acre-feet per trimester was within acceptable parameters. The result is that this well will be limited to 45 acre feet per year under this right in order to prevent enlargement.

This application was amended to reflect the points of diversion as described in transfer 72537, because this more accurately reflects the delivery system utilized by the city.

Authority to File:

Ron Harwell is the signature for the City of Blackfoot, he is the Civil Engineer responsible for water delivery for the City of Blackfoot. The property was originally owned by Stanley Jensen and Quit Claimed to the Blackfoot urban Renewal. This entity is the water right owner of record and have deeded this water right to the City of Blackfoot.

Water Right Validity:

This water right appears irrigated in 2004 NAIP Imagery and was decreed in 12/13/2006; forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The transferred water rights are contained within water district 120. Watermaster will comment. Transfer will be advertised to determine any protests.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement of use.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issue identified.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.