

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2008
To: Transfer 75191 File
From: Benny Walker
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes to create a permissible place of use of 1226.7 acres for a ground water right on an existing farm located approximately 2.8 to 4.3 miles East and 0.25 to 2.5 miles North of the center of the City of Jerome. Three existing wells will provide the diversion of 18.39 cfs (3964 af) to irrigate 988.3 acres within the 1226.7 acre permissible place of use. This right is within water measurement district 130.

This transfer is the first of two transfers. Applicant submitted an ownership change, warranty and quitclaim deeds of the property and associated water rights. Water right 36-16640 was created from the ownership change of water right 36-7894A. 36-16640 was split up front to form rights 36-16683 and 36-16684. This transfer involves right 36-16683 to create the permissible place of use. The second transfer (# 75193) proposes to convert 19.7 acres of irrigation use, from right 36-16684, to stock water and commercial use at the adjacent dairy. There will be no apparent hydrologic impact, recommended no advertising process.

- **Authority to File:**

Applicant is listed as current owner on IDWR records.

- **Water Right Validity:**

Right 36-7894A (renumbered to 36-16683) was licensed in 1995. Review of recent aerial photography indicates that the right appears to have been used in recent years.

- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**

None anticipated. Water right 36-16639 uses the same points of diversions to irrigate adjacent lands leased to the applicant.

- **Enlargement of Use:**

None anticipated. There is a reduction in irrigated acres of the PPU for transfer 75193 conversions to stockwater and commercial use.

- **Local Public Interest:**

No negative impacts anticipated. There will be no apparent hydrologic impact.
Recommended no advertising process

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

Proposed uses are recognized as beneficial uses 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.