

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 1, 2009
To: Transfer 74716 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer application proposes changing the point of diversion to a new well to be drilled for a 0.14 cfs Big Wood River right, 37-276F, used to irrigate 7.0 acres of land on property located along the north side of Highway 75 adjacent to the Big Wood River approximately 6.25 miles north and 2.0 miles west of Ketchum. Note that the application proposes a change in source from the Big Wood River to groundwater (tributary to Big Wood River). The application includes a hydrologic analysis that shows that pumping from the proposed well will have at least a 50% reduction in the original source (Big Wood River) in less than a 24 hour period. Note that this analysis is dependent upon the new well being drilled within 175 feet of the Big Wood River. Review of Department records indicates that a couple of potential overlaps may exist at the place of use. One of which, 37-8574, is a newer license for 6.0 acres of irrigation in the SWNW of Section 14. This use is from a different well (existing) than what is proposed by this transfer (separate system than what is proposed by this transfer). The 37-8574 place of use appears to include at least one additional acre than what is described by this transfer in the SWNW of Section 14 (probably south edge of property). There is also an SRBA recommendation, 37-7786, that appears to have been erroneously recommended at, or near, the POU location described by this transfer. Note that 37-7786 was actually licensed a couple of miles to the south of this location, and the licensing exam shows the use as being on the opposite side of Highway 75. The applicant's consultant indicates that an objection is to be filed in an attempt to remove this recommendation from the applicant's property (see 2/24/2009 letter in file). However, as of this date it does not appear that an objection has yet been filed with the SRBA court.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicant is listed as the current owner on the right involved with the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Right involved with the transfer has been recently recommended in the SRBA.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. Application includes an analysis showing that the Big Wood River and groundwater have a direct and immediate hydraulic connection.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No issues anticipated. Application 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.