

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2009
To: Transfer 75438 File
From: Benny Walker
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes to move a 40 acre portion of two groundwater rights from a farm located approximately 8.2 to 9.2 miles east and 5.8 to 6.3 miles south of the Interstate 84 and 86 junction, to two separate 20 acre pivots. One 20 acre pivot is located approximately 13.2 to 13.4 miles east and 3.5 to 3.8 miles south of the Interstate 84 and 86 junction. The other 20 acre pivot is located approximately 13.5 to 13.7 miles east and 6.1 to 6.3 miles south of the Interstate 84 and 86 junction. The application proposes to divert the water (0.78 cfs) for the two new pivots from a system of five interconnected existing wells located approximately five miles to the east of the currently authorized diversion location. The proposed new place(s) of use is within the Raft River Critical Ground Water Area.

- **Authority to File:**

A Quitclaim Deed from GW Finance, LLC to Webb Brothers Land & Livestock has been submitted for 0.03 cfs for water right 43-2492A and 0.75 cfs for water right 43-2396A. Application states that there is a lien holder on the property and a letter was provided from Northwest Farm Credit agreeing to the transfer.

- **Water Right Validity:**

Right 43-2492A and 43-2396A were decreed in the SRBA.

- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**

None anticipated. The wells already exist and are not within the ESPA so a groundwater model analysis is not required.

- **Enlargement of Use:**

None anticipated.

- **Local Public Interest:**

No negative impacts anticipated. Application will be subject to public notice and protest.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

Proposed uses are recognized as beneficial uses of water. Sprinklers are utilized for irrigation.

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.

