

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: March 17, 2009
To: Transfer 75081
From: nerickson
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer application proposes adding one new well to be drilled in connection with an existing commercial livestock operation. Currently 2 water rights allow for the diversion of up to 0.25 cfs from two wells located approximately 3.5 miles east and 3.25 miles south of Malta in Cassia County. The new well will be located at the same location as the existing wells and is intended to be used as a backup well when the others are being worked on. The new well is located within the Raft River Critical Groundwater Management Area.

· Authority to File:
The applicant is listed as the present owner on the rights involved with the transfer.

· Water Right Validity:
The rights involved with the transfer were decreed in the SRBA. Recent aerial photography indicates that the rights involved with the transfer appear to have been used.

· Injury to Other Water Rights:
None anticipated. The new well is located within a few feet of one of the existing wells so no hydrologic impact is expected. The well was drilled in 2008 as an expedited drilling permit since one other well had problems but has since been fixed.

· 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.