

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2009
To: Transfer 75419 File
From: Nathan Erickson
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer application proposes adding one new well to be drilled in connection with an existing irrigation system. Currently 3 water rights allow for the diversion of up to 5.99 cfs from eight wells located in Twin Falls County for the irrigation of 343 acres within the system. The new well will be located approximately 2.5 miles east and 2.2 miles south of Murtaugh. The new well is being added to allow for the diversion of water from any of eight or nine authorized points of diversion to maintain the overall production capacity. The new well is located within the ESPA and Water District 140 and are is located within the same, groundwater model cell as an existing irrigation well so a groundwater model analysis is not required.

- **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 the same, or an adjacent, groundwater model cell as an existing irrigation well so a groundwater model analysis is not required.
- **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. 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.