

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2008
To: Transfer 75085 File
From: Jana Reeder
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes converting a 10 acre portion (0.2 CFS) of two irrigation rights (51-13047 & 51-13049) to stock water use associated with a proposed heifer facility. The 10 acre portion is being moved from a farm located approximately 11.6-12.2 mi. west and 0.75-1.5 mi. south of the center of Buhl to the proposed heifer facility located approximately 10.6-10.9 mi. west and 2.8-3.0 mi. north of the center of Buhl. A new well to be drilled at the proposed site will provide water for the new heifer facility. The transfer will allow for the 10 acres of historical alfalfa to be dried up and moved to the new facility. The irrigation to stock water use conversion was based on an acre to volume conversion factor of 3.26 afa/acre taken from the Castleford WS for alfalfa hay- less frequent cuttings. This was based on an affidavit from Reagan Hatch, who farmed the property in 1998 and 1999 and testifies alfalfa as the crop being grown on the farm.

This transfer is the first of two transfers. Right 51-13036 was split up front into 51-13047 & 51-13048 and right 51-13038 was split up front into 51-13049 & 51-13050. This transfer involves rights 51-13047 and 51-13049. (Transfer # 75087 proposes to consolidate irrigation rights 51-13048, 51-13050 and 47-2382 to form a large PPU.) Note, that the diversion rates for rights 51-13047 and 51-13049 are not additive due to the condition on the parent rights (51-13036 and 51-13038) that limits them to 0.02 cfs per acre.

The rights being transferred are currently in Basin 51 but will be moving to Basin 47 and will need to be renumbered as part of the transfer approval.

- **Authority to File:**
Applicant is listed as current owner on IDWR records.
- **Water Right Validity:**
All rights were decreed in the SRBA on September 28, 2007.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None if appropriate conditions and limits are implemented.
- **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.

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.