

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 6, 2008
To: Application for Permit 71-10921 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application seeks to appropriate 1.21 cfs to be diverted from the Salmon River at a point located approximately 18.9 miles south and 6.1 miles east of Stanley for recreation and aesthetic uses associated with ponds that will impound 12 acre-feet of storage on property located approximately 18.75 - 19.0 miles south and 6.25 - 6.5 miles east of Stanley. Companion transfer application # 74715 proposes converting a 1.5 acre portion of an irrigation right, 71-62A, to mitigation use in connection with this application to mitigate for evaporative losses associated with the storage proposed by this application. The transfer application proposes leaving the mitigation portion of right 71-62A in the Salmon River, but State Office staff indicated that this portion of right 71-62A should be diverted into the pond. In addition, rather than describing this portion of right 71-62A as "mitigation", the portion should be described as "diversion to storage", "aesthetic storage", and "recreation storage".

- **Effect on Other Water Rights:**
Other than the storage component of this right (12 ac-ft) the right will be non consumptive.
- **Sufficiency of Water Supply:**
The Salmon River appears to be an adequate source of water for the proposed use(s).
- **Application Made in Good Faith:**
Applicant has contacted the agencies as requested and has responded to Water Appropriation Rules 40.05.c through 40.05.g.
- **Financial Resources:**
In relation to the cost of purchasing the property, the development proposed by this application is not significant.
- **Local Public Interest:**
The applicants have solicited comments from interested agencies, and comments have been received from the Idaho Department of Fish & Game and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, with no negative comments or concerns raised.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed uses are beneficial uses of water.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-203A Idaho Code or the Water Appropriation Rules (IDAPA 37.03.08) preventing processing of this application.