

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 6, 2008
To: Transfer 73969 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes transferring a 0.11 cfs Big Wood River right (37-21956) currently diverted through the Hiawatha Canal and used to irrigate 1.0 acre of land in the Northridge Subdivision located approximately 1.1 miles north and 0.25 miles west of the center of Hailey. The application proposes diverting 0.02 cfs of groundwater (tributary to the Big Wood River) from an excavated pond (proposed by companion application for permit 37-22385) for the irrigation of 0.9 acres on land adjacent to the Big Wood River located approximately 7.5 miles north and 1.7 miles west of the center of Hailey. A 0.01 cfs and 0.1 acre portion of the right will be converted to recreation use to cover the evaporative losses associated with the excavated pond (serving as mitigation for companion application for permit 37-22385). Note that the proposed diversion is a groundwater source that is very near the Big Wood River. The application includes information indicating that the groundwater source and the Big Wood River are connected within a 24 hour period. The application proposes to continue to divert the remaining 0.08 cfs of the right into the Hiawatha Canal for conveyance loss to prevent injury to other rights in the Hiawatha. The area associated with the transfer is located in Water District 37 (Big Wood).

- **Authority to File:**
The applicant has provided a copy of a Purchase and Sale Agreement from the current owners of the right being transferred according to IDWR records.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The right involved with the transfer has been recommended to the SRBA court.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. The application proposes to continue to divert the remaining 0.08 cfs of the right into the Hiawatha Canal for conveyance loss to prevent injury to other rights in the Hiawatha.
- **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 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.