

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 30, 2008
To: Transfer 74254 File
From: Jana Jones
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes to add a new point of diversion and add the NENE QQ of TWP 11N, RNG 16E, SEC 12 to the existing POU. The existing groundwater pump and the new POD are located approximately 7.4-7.8 miles west and 3.7-4 miles north respectively of Clayton. The place of use is located approximately 5.5-6.0 miles west and 3.0-3.2 miles north of Clayton. Overlapping water rights 72-7193 (POU), 72-7257 (POU), and 72-7573 (POD and POU) in the system are necessary for operation of the mine. The initial water right (72-7414) and system diverts from intercepted groundwater at the bottom of the mine pit. This water is pumped from the pit at two locations and then pumped to the place of use (milling plant). The area involved with the transfer is located in water district 170.

- **Authority to File:**
Applicant is listed as current owner on IDWR record for rights 72-7414. Application also includes a 265-acre mining patent (11-85-0029) for proof of ownership of the additional POU. Documents have been provided showing that the applicant has an interest in the mining patent.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Decreed in the SRBA on 8/13/2001, mine operation has been ongoing the last several years.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No negative impact anticipated.
- **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.