

Comment Report

72-16707

1. jstanton 8/22/2007 8:24:58 AM Special Administration Area Notes

Comment: Special Administration Areas : Wild & Scenic Area

Exempt: N

Reason:

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Explanation:

2. jstanton 8/22/2007 8:25:14 AM Additional Information Supporting Application

Comment: Residency affidavit for hydropower development: N/A

Additional hydropower project information: N/A

Additional fish propagation project information: N/A

Appropriation Rule 40.05.c information: N/A

Mitigation Plan or acceptance form: N/A

Evidence of Pre-1987 development: N/A

3. jstanton 8/22/2007 Comment/Analysis

Comment: This application covers the drilling of a new well to irrigate 21 acres of presently-dry land located about 1 mile NE of Challis. This appears to be a standard groundwater application that should be approvable with standard conditions.

Effect On Other Water Rights: The proposed well is not close to any live streams or springs, although it is near a drain ditch that starts in the south part of Challis before swinging NE past the sewage ponds. There appears to be no discernable effect on other rights if this application is approved.

Sufficiency of Water Supply: Unknown. There is never a guaranteed water supply when a new well is drilled, but this should not be an issue.

Application Made In Good Faith: The applicants live on this property, so it makes sense that they would want to increase the value and usage of the land by irrigating it. This does not appear to be an issue.

Financial Resources: This is a fairly small project, so financing should not be a problem. They could use the land as collateral for a loan if needed.

Local Public Interest: The applicants have solicited comments from other agencies as required, but no issues were raised that could prevent approval of the application.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: The land will be sprinkled for maximum efficiency of water use.

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

4. jstanton 8/22/2007 Legal Notice Remarks

Comment: This application proposes the drilling of a new well to irrigate dry land located about 1 mile NE of Challis; the land is just north of an existing pivot sprinkler.