

MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE
FROM: DANIEL A. NELSON
DATE: 6/25/2007

RE: BILL R. ARNOLD AND VICKI WOOLL, TRANSFER NUMBER 73676

The transfer proposes to change the point of diversion to an existing well on the owner's property. The original point of diversion is located 3/8 of a mile from Ballentine LN and Homer RD in Lot 2 Block 1 Stillwell Estates also described as the SWSW S29 T5N R1E. The point of diversion will be moved 2/5ths of a mile northeast to an existing well in Lot 11 and 12, Block 5 Stillwell Estates also described as NESW S29 T5N R1E, Ada County. The irrigation will continue to be used on Lot 11 and 12 Stillwell Estates.

AUTHORITY TO FILE:

The applicant is the owner of record, so no further ownership documentation is required.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY:

A Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) partial decree was issued on this right on 2/16/2007.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS:

No objections were received during the SRBA process therefore no injury is anticipated.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE:

This application only requests to move the point of diversion. No enlargement proposed.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST:

No local public issues were raised during the SRBA process, so none are anticipated for this application.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

Applicant proposed beneficial use consistent with department standards for the area.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria of I.C. § 42-222 preventing processing of the application.

NARATIVE

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion from the original well to the applicant's domestic well. The only significant issue is well drilling permit upgrade to use the domestic well for irrigation purposes. A letter has been sent requesting the upgrade fee. Processing will not be delayed to wait for the fee.

There are several water rights that use the same well, however, we currently have 8 transfers requesting to move their portion of the water rights to their own private wells. Many of these changes have already occurred, and they are trying to catch up their water rights to what has been done for the last several years. I foresee no problems with overlapping water right issues.

CONDITIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Unless this transfer is protested, this proposal seems to approvable with the inclusion of the conditions on the draft approval.