

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 21, 2007
To: Transfer 73444 File
From: Kelly K Christensen
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

The transfer proposes converting a 2.5-acre portion of two irrigation rights (37-562D and 37-7215F) to new uses associated with a recreation pond located on property 1.5 miles south and 0.7 miles east of the center of Hailey. The 4.2 acre/foot pond is located on an unnamed stream on the previously mentioned property. Water from the unnamed stream and the Cove canal will be used to fill the pond. Water from the Cove Canal will be injected into the pond and then re-diverted from the pond in conjunction with 37-7215F for irrigation use. The digitized point of diversion for the recommendation for rights utilizing the Cove canal was placed in the wrong forty-acre tract. This is being corrected for 37-562D in this transfer. The existing point of diversion for 37-7215F is also being changed to a point on that channel just north of the applicant's property to reflect where the water is actually diverted from the channel. The rights are located within water district 37.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicant is listed as the current owner of the rights being transferred according to IDWR records. The applicant provided a quitclaim deed indicating the sole ownership of the rights involved.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The rights involved with the transfer have been recommended in the SRBA as of 2-2-2007.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. The rights will continue to be diverted from the historic points of diversion and used within the same place of use..
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated. The conversion of the 2.5 acres to be dried up is based upon an IR value for pasture in the Hailey area and actually results in an overall decrease in allowable diversion volume.
- **Local Public Interest:**
Application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use 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.