

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 9, 2007
To: Transfer 73455 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes to add an additional well as an authorized diversion point for two water rights, 45-13915 and 45-13917, that allow for the diversion of up to 1.83 cfs and 305.4 acre-feet per year for use associated with a dairy operation located approximately 2.25 – 2.75 miles south and 4.75 – 5.25 miles east of Murtaugh. Note that the rights involved with the transfer were created through recently approved transfer # 71971 (approved 2/5/2007). The rights currently allow for the diversion of water from a single well located approximately 3.1 miles south and 3.1 miles east of Murtaugh. The application proposes adding an additional (existing) well located approximately 2.75 miles south and 4.7 miles east of Murtaugh as an authorized diversion point. The wells involved with the transfer are located within the ESPA smooth model boundary area and within recently created Water District 140. The new groundwater model cells show that the new well is located within an adjacent cell to the cell where the currently authorized well is located within, so no model analysis is required. Note that the additional (existing) well was drilled as a domestic well so groundwater protection section should be notified to solicit a drilling permit fee upgrade.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicants are listed as the current owners of the rights being transferred according to IDWR records.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The rights involved with the transfer were created through recently approved transfer # 71971 (approved 2/5/2007) and originated from rights that have been decreed in the SRBA.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. The proposed new well is located within 1.75 miles of the existing well.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
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.