

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 9, 2007
To: Application for Permit 71-7170 (Jon & Wei Christianson) File
From: Amanda Kriwox
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application for Permit 71-7170, filed in the name of Jon & Wei Christianson, seeks to appropriate 0.30 cfs of water from the Salmon River for the irrigation of 15 acres. The applicants have existing water rights using the proposed "Williams Canal" diversion and there is a 3-acre irrigation overlap with existing right 71-10767. Proposed place of use is located approximately 12.0 – 12.5 miles South and 4.7 miles East of Stanley. Proposed season of use was shorter than standard but was corrected to match standard season.

- **Effect on Other Water Rights:**
Proposed diversion would incorporate an already existing structure and ditch used for other existing water rights.
- **Sufficiency of Water Supply:**
The Salmon River is able to supply this relatively small appropriation (0.30 cfs). Information submitted with the application indicates that the diversion will be directly from the Salmon River into a earthen ditch. Department of Fish and Game indicates "...the additional withdrawal will not negatively impact fish or aquatic resources..."
- **Application Made in Good Faith:**
Applicants have been in discussion with the USDA Forest Service and will continue to consult with them to insure that the irrigation system is in compliance with their scenic easement with the federal government. Fish control box is already present at the diversion structure per existing water right requirements.
- **Financial Resources:**
Applicants own the property where the irrigation is proposed. Diversion structure and ditch is already existing. Sprinkler system will need to be constructed and installed. It appears applicants are financially capable of completing construction.
- **Local Public Interest:**
The applicants have solicited comments from interested agencies, and comments have been received from the Idaho Department of Fish & Game and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, with no negative comments or concerns raised.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is a beneficial use of water.

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