

Comment Report

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6. jstanton 4/20/2006 9:50:38 AM Special Administration Area Notes

Comment: Special Administration Areas : Upper Salmon River Basin

Exempt: N

Reason:

Doc Attached:

Explanation:

7. jstanton 4/20/2006 9:51:37 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

8. jstanton 4/20/2006 Legal Notice Remarks

Comment: This application proposes to provide water for a new home, livestock use, and 36 acres of irrigation from a new well to be drilled on the property. The property is located 1 1/2 miles east and 3 7/8 miles north of the Challis city center on the south side of Stephens Road.

9. jstanton 4/20/2006 Comment/Analysis

Comment: This application proposes to provide water for a new home, livestock & 36 acres of irrigation a few miles NE of Challis. A new well will be drilled on the property. While there may have been irrigation rights there in the past, there are none now. The original application had errors, so I corrected them in data entry before sending a

original application had errors, so I corrected them in data entry before sending a computer-generated application to the applicants for their review and signature. They signed it, and I am now reviewing it prior to advertising. The application appears to be approvable with standard conditions. The source is a deep well, so should have minimal effects on endangered species.

Effect On Other Water Rights: Other than domestic/stockwater wells, the main water source for this area is surface water. A deep well should have a negligible affect on surface rights.

Sufficiency Of Water Supply. There is little data available on the sufficiency of the groundwater supply in this area. The applicants take all the risk that they can get enough water for the proposed uses.

Application Made In Good Faith: This does not appear to be an issue. The applicants are hoping to increase the value and utility of their property by putting it under irrigation.

Financial Resources: The applicants have provided an estimate showing the cost of the proposed project, and a letter from a business stating that they would lend sufficient funds to the Bullocks. The letter covers about twice the estimated project cost.

Local Public Interest: While the Idaho Fish & Game Dept. has not protested the application, they did provide a letter asking that the wells be drilled near the south side of the property to minimize the impacts on endangered species in the Challis Creek drainage. Other agencies had no concerns about the proposed project.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No issues identified.

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