

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 2007
To: Application for Permit 72-16695 (Pete or Shiley Nelson) File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes developing 0.12 cfs of groundwater for the irrigation of 3.9 acres on property located approximately 3.8 miles north and 0.6 miles east of the Highway 93 and Garden Creek Road intersection in Challis. An existing well on the property will serve as the proposed point of diversion.

- **Effect on Other Water Rights:**
Proposed groundwater use is relatively small. If application is approved, and a permit is granted, it will be one of the more junior ground water rights in the area.
- **Sufficiency of Water Supply:**
Well has already been drilled and applicants indicate that the existing well is adequate to supply the anticipated water need(s).
- **Application Made in Good Faith:**
Well has already been drilled by the previous owner of the property under lapsed permit 72-7469. Current application is an attempt to continue the initial development by the current owner.
- **Financial Resources:**
Well has already been drilled, so the primary expense of the development is not applicable. Only expense will be a relatively minimal investment in pump and irrigation system.
- **Local Public Interest:**
The applicants have solicited comments from interested agencies, and comments have been received from Custer County, 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.