

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 28, 2007
To: Transfer 73315 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application filed to convert a 10-acre portion of two irrigation groundwater rights (43-13335 & 43-13337) to year round stock water and commercial use for an expansion of a hog facility and to modify the existing water rights (43-13332, 43-13334, 43-13336, 43-13338) at the hog facility to allow for more flexible water use. The 10 acres and hog facility are located on a farm located approximately 2.1 - 3.6 miles south and 4.5 - 6.3 miles east of the Interstate 84 and Interstate 86 interchange east of Burley. The application proposes diverting up to 0.41 cfs and 69.7 acre-feet per year from six wells for stock water and commercial use associated with the hog facility expansion.

- **Authority to File:**
The applicant is listed as the current owner of the rights being transferred according to IDWR records. A Purchase and Sales Agreement has been included showing that the applicant has an ownership interest in the new POU.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The rights involved with the transfer have been decreed in the SRBA and have been involved in previous IDWR approved transfers.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated. The irrigation to stock water and commercial use conversion is based on an IR value (2.97 afa per acre for alfalfa in the Rupert area) for the acres being dried up. Basing the conversion on an IR value, rather than the allowable diversion volume, actually results in an overall reduction in total allowable diversion volume if the transfer is approved as proposed.
- **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.