

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 6, 2006
To: Transfer 72809 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer application proposes transferring a 1.05 cfs and 91 acre portion of five ground water irrigation rights (36-16419, 36-16423, 36-16425, 36-16417, and 36-16421) from a farm located approximately 6.8 - 8.3 miles south and 19.0 - 21.0 miles east of the center of Shoshone to a second farm located approximately 12.8 - 14.8 miles south and 19.75 - 23.25 miles east of the center of Shoshone. The transfer proposes creating a 2785-acre permissible place of use with the transferred portions of the five rights and eleven other groundwater rights (36-2339, 36-8403, 36-2340, 36-2360, 36-2431, 36-15165, 36-2346, 36-2389, 36-2451, 36-2363, and 36-4200, totaling 33.84 cfs) currently used to irrigate 2147 acres on the second farm. The transfer proposes diverting a total of 34.89 cfs from seven existing wells located on the second farm to irrigate 2238 acres within the proposed permissible place of use. Both of the farms are located within the ESPA and water district 130. In order to facilitate moving the five irrigation rights to the second farm the application proposes to rent all of right 45-2505 (2.44 cfs, 560 afa, 140 acres) and a portion of right 45-7008 (0.54 cfs, 170 afa, 42.5 acres) for a single irrigation season. The groundwater model was ran based on moving the five rights and the rental of the Basin 45 rights and the negative effect(s) were less than 5%.

- **Authority to File:**
Applicant is listed as the current owner of record of the rights being transferred according to IDWR records. Department records (tax lot info and deeds in SRBA files) show that the applicant is the owner of the properties (existing and proposed POUs) involved with the transfer. Messages were left at the applicant's phone number requesting guidance on whether or not Bill Parsons should be left as the attorney on some of the records and Mr. Parsons called and requested that he be left as the attorney of record.
- **Water Right Validity:**
All the rights have been decreed in the SRBA, except for right 36-8403 which is a recently licensed right, not subject to the SRBA.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. The groundwater model was ran based on moving the five rights and the rental of the Basin 45 rights and the negative effect(s) were less than 5%.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated if appropriate conditions and limits are implemented.
- **Local Public Interest:**
Application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **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 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.