

Comment Report

Application ID 72441

1. jstanton 7/10/2006 2:27:12 PM Special Administration Area Notes

Comment: Special Administration Areas : Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer

Exempt: N

Reason:

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Explanation:

2. jstanton 7/10/2006 2:27:53 PM Additional Information Notes

Comment: Reviewed by Adjudication Staff: N/A

Mitigation Plan or acceptance form: N/A

Municipal Rights Anticipated Horizon Information: N/A

3. jstanton 7/10/2006 Comment/Analysis

Comment: This application proposes to tie two existing wells together due to the lack of sufficient water in either well. This also creates a ppu on two adjacent farms. The pou is being modified to reflect the installation of a pivot sprinkler in Sec. 4. I visited the property on 7-18-06 after determining that the shape file for these rights was different than what appeared to be irrigated on the 2004 ArcView photo. The west pivot irrigates weeds along an irrigation canal, but cattle are turned out after irrigation stops; the weeds are used for pasture, so I am including this land in the ppu description. The rectification on this area is definitely off, as the 40 lines should be further south than they are shown; for consistency, I am basing the acreage breakdown on what ArcView is telling me. About 6 acres that could be irrigated are not being irrigated at this time, but I see no reason to reduce the acreage allowance at this time; I added enough dry land to the shape file to total up to the allowed limit. This appears to be a routine transfer that can be approved with standard conditions.

Authority To File: The applicant is the owner of record, so this is not an issue.

Water Right Validity: The right were decreed less than five years ago, so this is not an issue.

Injury To Other Rights: There should be none. The two wells are very close together, so any injury from pumping both should be to the applicant.

Enlargement of Use: None requested. The wells are supplemental to canal shares, and this will not change as a result of the transfer.

Local Public Interest: No issues identified.

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

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Review of the application finds that there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Sec. 42-222 I. C. preventing processing. At least prior to advertising, no other issues have been identified that would require further review or submittal of additional data by the applicant.

4. jstanton 7/10/2006 Legal Notice Remarks

Comment: This application proposes to tie two existing wells together in a common irrigation system for two adjacent farms due to the limited pumping capacity of each well. The wells are supplemental to canal water, and this will not change as a result of the transfer. The wells are located 5 1/2 miles north and 2 1/2 miles east of the Gooding city center.