

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 30, 2006
To: Transfer 72563
From: rwarner
Re: Transfer Comments

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion thus consolidating into a single point of diversion. The applicant has been receiving assistance from the conservation group Trout Unlimited. The purpose of the transfer is to consolidate the PODs into a single location for a pressurized gravity fed sprinkler system. By doing so, the applicant hopes to leave more water into Garden Creek for fish and wildlife habitat.

There will be a companion transfer filed by BLM for small locations located in an around the Conant Valley Ranch facility.

Authority to File:

Applicant is Conant Valley Ranch. Gus Ostercamp signed the application. Included with the application is the partnership agreement for Conant Valley Ranch which spells out Mr. Ostercamp's authority to make this filing.

Water Right Validity:

All rights are partially decreed in the SRBA.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

There is no evidence of injury to other water rights.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement of use.

Local Public Interest:

This appears to have significant local public interest in favor of the project.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

Transfer will provide for waters to irrigated lands in a manner consistent with state laws.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.