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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transfer No. 72728

FROM: Sharla Curtis

DATE: May 24, 2006

RE: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

The purpose of the transfer is to change the point of diversion under a Snake River water right to identify the pump in the river that the applicant uses to deliver water to his lands. This pump has been used for the past 10 or 11 years instead of the pump (identified in the same ¼¼) which continues to be used by other individuals. In conversations between Steve Lester and Jeff Peppersack, it was determined that any new diversion (where the old diversion is not being abandoned) requires a transfer.

Authority to File: Applicant is the owner of record (along with Mrs. Straley).

Water Right Validity: 2004 NAIP photography confirms irrigation of the place of use described.

Injury to Other Water Rights: None anticipated.

Enlargement of Use: No enlargement will occur. The right currently reflects 4 acres of irrigation, however, as documented with correspondence and conversation memorandums, the entire parcel is 3.4 acres, with a total of only 3 acres being irrigated. The transfer approval will reflect the reduction of actual acres irrigated.

Local Public Interest: No negative impacts are anticipated.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: Applicants propose beneficial use consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria of I. C. § 42-222 preventing processing of the application.

Assuming no other information contradicts the above analysis, and assuming it is determined the application should be approved, the conditions of approval listed on the draft transfer approval should be applied.