

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2006
To: Transfer 72527 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes converting a 10.5 acre portion of an irrigation water right (43-12967) to stock water and commercial uses associated with a feedlot operation located approximately 5.4 – 5.75 miles south and 0.75 – 1.05 miles east of the Highway 77 and Highway 81 intersection in Malta. The 10.5 acres being dried up are located along the north edge of the feedlot operation. The application also proposes identifying three existing wells located on the feedlot operation as authorized points of diversion for the existing right (43-10499) that serves the feedlot operation, and the 10.5 acre irrigation portion being converted to stock water and commercial uses. One of these wells (located within Lot 7 (SWSWSW), Sec. 6, T14S, R27E.) also serves as a point of diversion for irrigation rights 43-12966 and 43-13422 (leftover portion of right 43-12967 resulting from this transfer). Also note that the uses and amounts for right 43-10499 are to be clarified in this transfer application to more accurately describe the uses and amounts (originally decreed as just domestic but transfer proposes to describe the right as domestic and stock water).

- **Authority to File:**
Applicant has provided a copy of a warranty deed showing they are the owners of the land and rights involved with the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Rights were decreed in the SRBA in 2002.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated if appropriate conditions and limits are implemented. The irrigation to stock water and commercial use conversion is based on an IR value for alfalfa (2.58 afa per acre) in the Malta area. The applicant provided FSA crop history records showing that alfalfa had been grown on the 10.5 acres being dried up. Basing the irrigation to stock water and commercial use conversion on IR values actually results in a reduction of allowable diversion volume.
- **Local Public Interest:**
Application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed uses are 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.