

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 24, 2006
To: Transfer 72526 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application filed to change the authorized place of use of a 176 acre-foot storage right, 72-2149B, from Mosquito Flat Reservoir (located on Challis Creek approximately 10.5 miles west and 1.1 miles north of the Highway 93 and Garden Creek Road intersection in Challis) to irrigate 701.7 acres located on lands approximately 1.6 – 4.1 miles north and 1.0 miles west – 0.5 miles east of the Highway 93 and Garden Creek Road intersection. The application proposes to allow for the rediversion of storage water from the Highline Canal and further rediverted from any of four points along the Highline Canal or from a diversion directly from Challis Creek located approximately 3.9 miles north and 0.95 miles west of the Highway 93 and Garden Creek Road intersection. The applicant(s) purchased this storage right in its entirety when they purchased the property involved in companion transfer # 70680. Note that the storage right is currently tied into a 103.5 acre PPU with rights 72-4Q and 72-32B. This transfer proposes removing the storage right 72-2149B, from the PPU and making it appurtenant to 701.7-acres (acre expansion allowable for storage rights pursuant to 42-222, IDAHO CODE). In this water district, 72C, storage water in Mosquito Flat Reservoir is typically used to supplement decreed rights at the end of the irrigation season, when decreed rights are being cut (regulated). The proposed 701.7-acre place of use is currently irrigated ground with at least some SRBA decreed rights having priority dates (May 1, 1879) matching those of rights 72-4Q and 72-32B. Note that portions of rights 72-4Q and 72-32B are subject to companion transfer # 70680.

- **Authority to File:**
Applicants have included copies of various deeds showing ownership of the right involved with the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The right involved with the transfer was decreed in the SRBA in November of 2000.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. Transfer proposes shifting supplemental storage water right to lands irrigated with similar decreed rights.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated if appropriate conditions and limits are implemented. Transfer proposes shifting supplemental storage water right to lands irrigated with similar decreed rights.
- **Local Public Interest:**
Application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use (irrigation) is a beneficial use of water and sprinklers will be used for irrigation.

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.