

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 20, 2005
To: Transfer 72502 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes drilling a new well on Lot # 1 of Gannett Ranch Subdivision to serve as the authorized point of diversion for the groundwater right, 37-21500, appurtenant to the lot, which is located approximately 4.4 miles south and 1.6 miles east of Bellevue. The right (claim) involved with the transfer has not yet been reviewed in the SRBA, but comparing the claim to the license (37-2705) it is based on and examining other claims based on the license reveals no significant issues that should impact this transfer. In addition, the Department has previously approved transfer 68500 involving a portion of the same base right. The original right (37-2705) had a season of use of 4/1 to 10/31 which is longer than the current standard season for the area (4/15 to 10/31). The original right was also licensed with a volume of 3.0 ac-ft per acre (current standard is 3.5 afa per acre for the area), and had a condition limiting it to 0.02 cfs and 3.0 afa per acre. However, condition R67 (0.03 cfs and 3.5 afa when combined with other rights) will be implemented to match current IDWR standards, without changing the rate and volume limits of the individual right (37-21500). IDWR records also indicated that the right involved in this transfer overlaps a surface water right, 37-21502, from the Big Wood River.

- **Authority to File:**
Applicants are listed as the current owners of record on IDWR records.
- **Water Right Validity:**
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- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. Proposed new well is actually located in the same forty acre tract as the existing, authorized, well location.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated if appropriate conditions and limits are implemented.
- **Local Public Interest:**
Application will be subject to public notice and protest.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use (irrigation) is recognized as 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.