

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 6, 2006
To: Transfer 72566 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer application proposes adding a new well, to be drilled, and adding an existing drain well, to be converted to a production well, to the A & B Irrigation District system presently consisting of 186 wells. The system is covered by 12 water rights that total 1100 cfs for irrigation of 66,686.2 acres. The new well, to be drilled, will be located approximately 7.25 miles north and 2.3 miles east of Rupert. The existing drain well that will be converted to a production well is located approximately 6.0 miles north and 2.6 miles east of Rupert. The wells are being added to maintain overall production capacity of the A & B Irrigation District system. All 12 of the rights involved with this transfer were subject to recently approved transfer # 71659 (approved April 7, 2005). Note that this transfer application (remarks, second page of application) proposes limiting the diversion from the two new proposed diversion points to 10.00 cfs. Since the filing fee for the application was based on this 10.00 cfs amount, a condition limiting the combined diversion from these two diversion points to 10.00 cfs needs to be implemented.

- **Authority to File:**
IDWR records show the applicant (A & B Irrigation District) as the Present Owner (operator) of the rights involved with the transfer. Dan Temple, the manager of A & B Irrigation District signed the application. The Bureau of Reclamation is the actual owner of the rights. A letter, with a copy of the application and draft approval, will be sent to the Bureau of Reclamation notifying them of the pending application and allowing them opportunity to comment.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The rights involved with the application have all been decreed in the SRBA.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. Transfer proposes new diversions within authorized service area.
- **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 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.