

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transfer No. 71864

FROM: Lori Graves

DATE: 6/20/05

RE: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

The purpose of the transfer is to correct the point of diversion and place of use that have been decreed in error on right 65-797, allow an 11.5 acre ppu for irrigation to account for adjustments in landscaping and recognize new ownership of Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation (IDPR).

The site is also known as Lakeview Village located on the south end of Ponderosa State Park in McCall.

Contact person for the applicant is Ron Howerton with IDPR.

Authority to File: Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) is owner of record. IDPR has attached an exchange agreement between them and IDL, which allows the right to be changed into the ownership of IDPR as a result of the transfer.

Water Right Validity: Right presumed to be valid because the partial decree was issued on 10/31/2000.

Injury to Other Water Rights: None anticipated.

Enlargement of Use: No change in nature of use has been proposed.

Local Public Interest: No negative impacts are anticipated.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: Applicant proposes b.u. 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.

Additional Information &/or Analysis: Aaron Boston signed the application. I contacted Ron and he stated that Aaron is the Staff Engineer for IDPR.

Watermaster comments have been requested. Although surface water, Steve Lester indicated that notice to IDFG is not necessary because of the nature of the proposal.

Discussion: Please refer to Attachment A of the transfer for a very good analysis done by Ron Howerton. Ron provided sufficient evidence and explanation to establish that the Payette Decree and SRBA Partial Decree listed the p/d and p/u in error. The question is “can we skip advertising for this transfer?” The decree lists 1 acre of irrigation. Applicants are proposing 1 acre of irrigation within an 11.5 acre ppu. The decree maps do not designate irrigation of one specific acre within the forty-acre tract. Is this enough of a change to require advertising? It’s your call Pam.

Overlapping rights are for separate systems and uses. Ron stated that Lakeview Village is a trailer park being converted to an RV park/campground. As rent leases expire, trailers are being removed. Municipal water is used for domestic uses within Lakeview Village and will continue to be used for the future RV park/campground. No other water is used on the one acre of irrigation other than the lake water.

If Advertised: Assuming protests are not filed and/or other information does not contradict the above analysis, and assuming it is determined the application should be approved, the conditions listed on the draft approval should be applied.