

Comment Report

Application ID 71978

1. jroberts 6/14/2005 Special Administration Area Notes

Comment: Special Administration Areas : Eastern Snake River Plain Area (Moratorium Area)

Exempt: Y

Reason:

Doc Attached:

Explanation: Within Eastern Snake River Plain (Moratorium Area) - Domestic Use

Special Administration Areas : Trust Water Area (Trust Water Area)

Exempt: Y

Reason:

Doc Attached:

Explanation: Within Trust Water Area

2. jroberts 6/14/2005 Legal Notice Remarks

Comment: Four transfers have been filed which propose to change the points of diversion and/or places of use on 4 domestic water rights currently serving campgrounds and the ranger station in the South Hills. The four rights will use an interconnected water system with Porcupine Springs as the point of diversion. This transfer deals with Upper Penstemon Campground. General location is approximately 30 miles south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road near the ski resort.

3. jroberts 6/14/2005 Comment/Analysis

Comment: M E M O R A N D U M

Date: June 14, 2005

To: Transfer 71978 File

From: Jeanie Robertson

Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer 71978 proposes changing the place of use and point of diversion for a domestic water right that supplies a campground. The water is currently diverted from Elk Corral Spring and the new pod will be from Porcupine Spring. The new pod is located about 2 miles south and 1 ¼ miles east of the old one. The place of use more accurately describes the location of the campsites. The transfer states that this change will reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of the water development. Location is approximately 30 miles south of Hansen

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- Authority to File:

The property is owned by the Forest Service.

- Water Right Validity:

Water right has been decreed in the SRBA.

- Injury to Other Water Rights:

No injury is anticipated. One issue, however, may be that the old pod is tributary to Fourth Fork of Rock Creek and the new pod is tributary to Goose Creek.

- Enlargement of Use:

There appears to be no enlargement of use, just a more efficient delivery system.

- Local Public Interest:

No negative impacts anticipated.

- Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

Domestic use is recognized as 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.

