

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 03, 2005
To: Transfer 71711
From: rwarner
Re: Transfer Comments

This transfer proposes to add a Point of Diversion (POD) in close proximity to the place of use, thereby allowing the user to use a more efficient pivot sprinkler irrigation system. No other changes are proposed.

Authority to File:

Applicant has provided a copy of the limited partnership agreement for R.J. Ball Farms Limited Partnership. The agreement names Ronald James Ball Jr. as both the Registered Agent and a General Partner. Furthermore, the agreement authorizes the general partners to make changes to the partnership assets.

Water Right Validity:

The water right is has been decreed in the SRBA.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Water District 31. North Water Measurement District. New POD is located in an adjacent cell of the ESPA ground water model. An analysis using the ESPA Spreadsheet Model shows that the addition of the POD and pumping all of the water right from the new POD (worst case scenario) will result in a net effect of less than 5% to reaches of the Snake River.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement of use.

Local Public Interest:

This transfer appears to not conflict with local public interest. It will be advertised to determine otherwise.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

Transfer will provide for waters to irrigated lands in a manner consistent with state laws.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.