

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 06, 2005
To: Transfer 71665
From: rwarner
Re: Transfer Comments

This transfer proposes to add three new points of diversion adjacent to lands being irrigated. The existing system has one well adjacent to the place of use and two wells located approximately 7 miles north of the associated irrigated lands. This change, if successful, will reduce seepage losses currently incurred through the conveyance ditch. There are no changes proposed for the irrigated lands only to add three new wells.

Authority to File:

Applicant has provided a copy of warranty deed and letter from loaning institution.

Water Right Validity:

Water right was decreed in the SRBA and was most recently involved in a transfer # 69836 approved 2/5/2003.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Basin 34 Water District 34. Comments have been solicited from this entity and have been returned with no opposition. Transfer will also be advertised statewide since the amount of water involved in the transfer exceeds 10 cfs. Since the property is located within the ESPA model boundary, the transfer application was reviewed for this purpose. It was found that the points of diversion lie in three separate model cells. Using the ESPA model spreadsheet, a worst-case scenario was evaluated assuming that all water may be pumped from wells located on the place of use rather than from the "Well Orchard." The results of the model indicate reach affects of less than 1 %, satisfactory for the processing of this transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement of use.

Local Public Interest:

The Big Lost Valley has been in drought situation for the past several years and last year was subject to the Vaughn Jensen call on water rights. Mitigation for this call in the future may have a bearing on this water right.

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.