

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 7, 2005
To: Transfer 71639 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

This transfer was filed to add a new point of diversion to two Little Wood River rights and one Big Wood River right injected into and diverted from the Little Wood River. The three rights (37-59M, 37-327, and 37-329) totaling 6.50 cfs, are used to irrigate 245 acres on a farm located along the Little Wood River approximately 5.5 - 7.7 miles west and 1.7 - 2.3 miles north of Shoshone. The rights will continue to be diverted from two existing points of diversion on the Little Wood River and a new pump (further downstream) located approximately 7.2 miles west and 2.0 miles north of Shoshone. The transfer should be fairly straightforward. The base rights for the transfer are based on preliminary SRBA recommendations (not yet reported to the court). The new point of diversion is located downstream, in a stretch with no other diversions, so there should be no negative impacts to the Little Wood River or other water users. One item of note relates to right 37-59M. It is diverted from the Big Wood River (water district 37) and injected into and rediverted from the Little Wood River (water district 37M). This requires some tweaking of the standard approval conditions.

- **Authority to File:**
IDWR records show the applicants as current owners of the rights involved with the transfer.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The base rights for the transfer are based on preliminary SRBA recommendations (not yet reported to the court) and appear to be valid rights.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None if appropriate conditions and limits are implemented.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No negative impacts anticipated. Transfer should result in the possibility of more water in the Little Wood River.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use (irrigation) is recognized as a beneficial use of water and at least one sprinkler system will be used for irrigation.

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.