

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2005
To: Transfer 71316 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes changing the place of use of three water rights by drying up several irrigated areas in order to irrigate other areas on a farm located approximately 1.5 -3.25 miles south and 3.75 miles - 5.75 miles east of Murtaugh. The transfer involves groundwater right 45-2320 for the diversion of 2.34 cfs, groundwater right 45-13642 for the diversion of 6.78 cfs, and waste water right 45-13644 for the diversion of 4.92 cfs. The two groundwater rights currently list single wells as their points of diversion. In addition to the place of use change, the transfer also proposes adding three new wells to be drilled on the farm as authorized points of diversion for the two groundwater rights and adding the existing two wells as authorized points of diversion for each of the two groundwater rights (each groundwater right will list 5 PODs). The rights involved with this transfer have combination limits with rights that are not part of this transfer, but the limits should not need to be changed as a result of this transfer. However, currently the applicant's permit 01-7072 and right 45-2746 (not owned by applicant) overlap the place of use of involved with this transfer. After consultation with state office staff, it was determined that efforts would be made to license 01-7072 to reflect the transferred place of use resulting from this transfer and right 45-2746 did not need to be a part of this transfer since the applicant has no authority to transfer this right.

- **Authority to File:**
IDWR records show the applicants as current owners of the rights involved with the transfer. Note that ownership documentation in SRBA claim files reflect "or" as the name connector rather than "and".
- **Water Right Validity:**
The base rights for the transfer are based on preliminary SRBA recommendations (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.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use (irrigation) is recognized as a beneficial use of water and sprinkler systems 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.