

Carlson, Dave

From: Peppersack, Jeff
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 11:31 AM
To: Carlson, Dave
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Subject: T70627 and unnumbered Xfer - Robert Bybee

I received a call from Robert Bybee regarding these transfers. Skip sent me a copy of the transfer applications and mitigation plan. I informed Mr. Bybee that the mitigation plan is being reviewed by our hydrology section because one of the transfers proposes to move from within the ESPA to an aquifer outside the ESPA. I told him that the transfer could present a problem, so we have asked hydrology to review the relationship between the aquifers. I also indicated that the application did not provide historic crop information for the change in nature of use. He said he could gather that information and provide it as necessary.

I plan to respond with a letter once hydrology has completed their review. I will include the request for crop information. Mr. Bybee asked if it were possible to process the transfer that does not change the nature of use (70627). I told him we could probably move forward with that one since it changes the POD and POU for irrigation use and does not involve a move outside the ESPA. I already reviewed the mitigation using the Transfer Spreadsheet and verified that the impacts to reaches of the Snake River do not increase more than 5%.

Jeff