

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 26, 2003
To: Transfer 70618 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes creating a permissible place of use for rights 45-176 and 45-693. In addition, the transfer proposes clarifying the points of diversion and sources for the two rights, and stock water right 45-13539 which is diverted through the same system. Proposed acre limits for the irrigation rights were determined by SRBA review (see memo from Jeanie Robertson in the file). The transfer should be fairly straightforward except for a couple of items.

The rights may be in water district 45-C (Goose Creek), according to Workflow. However, this is an inactive water district and in addition, these rights are for streams that sink before making it to the Goose Creek channel, below Oakley Dam, which impounds all of the water on Goose Creek.

Decrees 45-176, 45-693, and recommendation 45-13539 all list Oakley Meadow Spring as a source. This is a local name for an unnamed spring (according to USGS quad maps). In addition, the applicant stated that the spring naturally runs into a channel, and he actually diverts the water from the flowing channel two to three hundred feet downstream of the actual spring. For this reason, one of the sources for the rights was described as an unnamed stream. At the applicants request, and for clarification and to protect the intent of the original decree, a condition was added to each of the rights referencing Oakley Meadow Spring as the source of water for the unnamed stream.

- **Authority to File:**
Applicants listed as current owners on Department records &/or tax notices.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Rights are pending in the SRBA, but appear to be valid rights. (See memo from Jeanie Robertson in the file).
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. The change in place of use is basically across the road or just shifting acres in the same general area. The proposed changes to the points of diversion are actually clarifying what actually exists in the field.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None apparent. Proposed acre limits for the irrigation rights were determined by SRBA review (see memo from Jeanie Robertson in the file).
- **Local Public Interest:**
No negative impacts anticipated.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed water uses are recognized as beneficial use of water and moving place of use slightly upstream should be a more efficient use of water due to reduction in conveyance losses.

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.

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