

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 01, 2004
To: Transfer 71141
From: rwarner
Re: Transfer Comments

This transfer proposes to change the place of use in order to accommodate irrigation of areas surrounding an existing ranch house complex, irrigate areas surrounding an existing pond and supplement a pond on an "as-needed" basis. The applicant proposes to place a pump in Rainey Creek near the house for diversion into sprinkler lines. The transfer also proposes to irrigate riparian areas surrounding an existing natural pond for the establishment of woody vegetation. Water for irrigating these areas would be pumped directly from the pond. The transfer also proposes to divert water into the natural pond. The pond is an ancient remnant channel from the South Fork of the Snake River and fills naturally with subwater during most years. Upon occasion, the water becomes low and the applicant wishes to be capable of diverting water into the pond to supplement subwater but also to provide water for irrigation of riparian upland areas as explained earlier. The current surrounding irrigated areas consist of irrigated pasture hay. The applicant has proposed drying up one (1) acre of the irrigated pasture hay perpetually in exchange for capability to supplement the pond, which is about 0.27 acres in size. A pond consumptive use calculation was performed specifically detailing the amount of acreage required to be dried up to offset evapotranspiration of the pasture hay. The analysis indicates 0.25 acres are required to be dried up. No analysis was performed relative to other potential losses (ie. seepage losses) although the remaining portion offered for mitigation (0.75 acres) may be sufficient. The applicant does NOT propose a change in the season of use.

Authority to File:

Applicant provided copies of Warranty Deed and Corporation Deed.

Water Right Validity:

The water right involved has been favorably recommended in the Snake River Basin Adjudication and the adjudication staff has commented.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Basin 23. The property to which this water right will pertain falls within Water District 01. Comments will be solicited from this entity and the transfer will be advertised to determine any protests.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement of use.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified. The transfer will be advertised in the local newspaper to determine otherwise.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

Transfer is proposed in order to provide a more efficient water supply for areas of concern.

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.