

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 22, 2004
To: Transfer 71178 File
From: Corey Skinner
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Transfer proposes changing the place of use of a decreed groundwater right, 37-2663. The right is within the ESPA and Water District 130. The new proposed place of use is located within Section 34 and the current place of use is located within Sections 28 and 33 (all T05S, R14E). The existing point of diversion (well) will continue to serve as the point of diversion after the transfer. The application is quite straightforward other than the fact that the groundwater right is supplemental. American Falls Reservoir District #2 water is recorded on the current place of use, and Big Wood Canal Company shares are recorded on the proposed new place of use. However, the applicant has said that historically water was commingled and used over both farms. I spoke with Lynn Harmon, manager of Big Wood Canal Company & American Falls Reservoir District #2, and he indicated that both of the farms (current and proposed pous) have the same amount of canal water (see 7/20/2004 memo in file). Because the two farms have the same amount of surface water, there should be no increase in use of the well after the transfer compared to historical use.

- **Authority to File:**
Applicant(s) are listed as current owners on IDWR records.
- **Water Right Validity:**
Right has been recently decreed in the SRBA.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated. Place of use is only changing slightly.
- **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 is recognized as beneficial use of water and sprinklers are 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.