

Skinner, Corey

From: Blau, Terry
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2004 1:58 PM
To: Skinner, Corey
Cc: Ballou, Erv; DAVE PARRISH (E-mail); Merritt, Allen
Subject: RE: Request for Stream Channel comments for transfers

Both the Purdum Slough and the Little Makowea (sp) Channels have functioned in the past as side channels of the Big Wood River. As such, they have carried high flows of the river thus reducing the impact of flooding and erosion in the main channel. They also function as a refuge for fish during high flows and as juvenile trout rearing waters, as well as habitat for other fish and wildlife species. I would not recommend the approval of any transfer that alters these functions, such as installing headgates at the head of the channels.

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From: Skinner, Corey
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2004 10:37 AM
To: Blau, Terry
Subject: Request for Stream Channel comments for transfers

Terry,

The Department currently has a package of several pending transfer applications involving either groundwater rights or Big Wood River water rights that are used to irrigate land located north of Hailey. Three of these applications involve proposed changes in points of diversion that involve moving points of diversion further up the Big Wood River drainage. These three transfer applications, assigned numbers 69269, 69272, and 69308, can be summarized as follows...

Transfer #69269, filed by Riverview-Cloverly Irrigation Inc proposes changing the recorded place of use and point of diversion of portions of water rights 37-521, 37-522, and 37-523. The change in place of use consists of modifying the recorded place of use on the historically irrigated lands (more or less a paper change to reflect historical practices). However, the proposed change in point of diversion consists of changing the location from the Purdum #25 head gate located just south of the Deer Creek Road (along the north edge of Section 32, Township 03 North, Range 18 East) to the head of the Purdum Slough located approximately 1.3 miles to the north. Essentially, the transfer proposes moving the point of diversion from the current headgate from the slough, to the head of the slough, approximately 1.3 miles further upstream. The attached memo provides more detail regarding this proposed change in point of diversion.

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Transfers #69272 and #69308 propose changing the recorded place of use and point of diversion of 1.0-acre portions of water rights 37-521, 37-522, and 37-523. These two applications propose changing the place of use from land in the SENW of Section 32 (T03N, R18E) to land located in Section 07 (03N, R18E). In addition the applications propose changing the point of diversion from the Purdum #25 head gate located just south of the Deer Creek Road (along the north edge of Section 32, Township 03 North, Range 18 East) to pumps located in a side channel of the Big Wood River in Section 07 (03N, R18E). Basically, the applications each propose moving 0.06 cfs (total for rights 37-521, 37-522, and 37-523) used to irrigate 1.0 acre of land approximately 3.5 miles up the Big Wood River drainage.

We would like to have your written comments/recommendations on these three transfers before we continue processing them. If you could get something back to me ASAP, it would be appreciated.

Thanks,