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FROM: Allen Merritt 
TO: Transfer File No. T69649

DATE: March 7, 2002

In the name of: Ward Land & Livestock

Water Right(s): 43-13067 (needs to be changed to basin 45 number if approved)

SUBJECT: Review and Recommendation

This transfer proposes to move water from basin 43 to basin 45. The well and water right in basin 43 is located south and outside of the ESPA boundary. It is however located in the Raft River Critical Ground Water Area. Although the lands being dried up are outside of the ESPA and not covered by a response zone it would appear if there is underflow to the ESPA it would be associated closely with zone III-2. The transfer proposes to move the water to within the ESPA but in an area without a response zone but close to response zone III-2 &/or IV-3A. (SEE ATTACHED MAP)

The water right being moved is the residual of another transfer processed in the last year. It is based on water being brokered by Del Kohtz.

The site where the water is being moved is an existing dairy currently provided water by right 45-7733. The dairy has expanded thus needing more water. One previous transfer T69152 attempted to provide water to the site but it was only partially approved and did not provide sufficient water for the needs. There is another transfer in the works if this transfer fails but it has its own set of circumstances about moving across response zones.

Since this transfer proposes to move water that may affect response zones it needs to be reviewed by hydrology and administration (the director).

The transfer was processed without protest. No transfer approval process in Workflow or GIS work has been saved.

Recommendation

OUTCOME BASED ON FUTURE HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS AT STATE OFFICE.