

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 21, 2004
To: Transfer 71093
From: rwarner
Re: Transfer Comments

This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion. The applicant and owner, Bingham County, has procured the property for the purposes of a gravel pit. To this cause, the applicant proposes to plant trees around the circumference of the future pit for noise and dust abatement and general aesthetics. The new well will be for a drip irrigation system for the new trees. During the start-up of the pit, the applicant wishes to continue to lease the remaining portions of the property for irrigated agricultural production.

Authority to File:

Applicant provided a copy of a warranty deed dated October 16, 2003.

Water Right Validity:

The water right involved is currently in review in the SRBA. The basis of the transfer is based upon a recent recommendation from that review

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Basin 27. The property to which this water right will pertain falls within Water District 120. Comments will be solicited from this entity and the transfer will be advertised to determine any protests. The new point of diversion is for the purpose of providing a drip irrigation system for trees surrounding a future gravel pit. Diversions from this well are expected to be minimal relative to the right as a whole. The new well location is within one half mile of the other point of diversion, is within the same Model grid cell, and therefore is not expected to have an adverse affect upon reaches of the Snaker River as addressed in the ESPA model.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement of use.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

Transfer is proposed in order to provide a reliable water supply for the new owners proposed use.

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.