

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 05, 2004
To: Transfer 71017
From: kwilson
Re: Comments

Tracing the pedigree for this water right is confusing. This right is a split from former adjudication claim 22-2256B. Note that license 22-2256C (T2749) was filed in the SRBA as 22-2256B then split by a change in ownership into 22-13279 (Ashcraft) and 22-13278 (Staker). A more detailed description is as follows:

The original license for the right was numbered 22-2256 (5.80 cfs). Transfer 2345 split the right into 22-2256A (0.30 cfs) and 22-2256B (5.50 cfs). Transfer 2749 split 22-2256B into 22-2256C (3.13 cfs) and 22-2256D (2.37 cfs). These two transfers resulted in the following remaining water rights:

22-2256A for 0.30 cfs-----SRBA Claim A22-2256A (0.30 cfs)
22-2256C for 3.13 cfs-----SRBA Claim A22-2256B (3.13 cfs)-----Note change in alpha suffix
22-2256D for 2.37 cfs-----SRBA Claim A22-2256D (2.37 cfs)

The adjudication claim water right A22-2256B has now been split by ownership:

A22-2256B ----- A22-13278 (2.51 cfs, 313 ac) Staker
----- A22-13279 (0.62 cfs, 78 ac) Ashcraft

This transfer on 22-13279 changes the point of diversion and adds a second point of diversion. There is no change in the place of use.

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 09, 2004
To: Transfer 71017
From: kwilson
Re: General

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion, and to add a second point of diversion to this water right due to an ownership change and a proposed change to an existing irrigation system for better utilization of water.

Authority to File:

Subject land is owned by Helen F. Ashcraft & Boyd B. Ashcraft Shelter Trust as evidenced by a warranty deed, tax notices. Helen F. Ashcraft & Boyd B. Ashcraft Shelter Trust are recorded as the current owner on SRBA Claim 22-13279.

Water Right Validity:

This water right (licensed 09/26/1983) is evidenced by License 22-2256C (Trans 2749), and 22-13279 (Parent right SRBA Claim 22-2256B). [Note that license 22-2256C was filed in the SRBA as 22-2256B then split by a change in ownership into 22-13279 (Ashcraft) and 22-13278 (Staker)]. As a Sr. Resource Agent with the department I have worked extensively in conducting licensing field examination in this area since 1981, and can say with certainty that all of the land in this area has been continually irrigated since.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The place of use and points of diversion are outside of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer; therefore, this transfer would not require modeling based on the ESPA Spreadsheet. The system proposed in this transfer reflects an existing irrigation system that needs to have existing points of diversion in the NENE Sec 21, and the NWSW Sec 16, T06N, R41E, recorded as points of diversion.

Enlargement of Use:

There are no observed or identifiable issues related to enlargement.

Local Public Interest:

It would appear to be in the local public interest to continue irrigation of this land.

Beneficial Use Conservation of Water Resources:

The current irrigation practices provide techniques to efficiently manage irrigation water in a manner to achieve beneficial use and conservation of water resources.

Review of the application finds no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.