

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 15, 2004
To: Transfer 70982
From: rwarner
Re: Transfer Comments

This transfer proposes to change the location of the point of diversion 2 ¼ miles closer to the place of use thereby reducing transmission losses. The transfer also serves a purpose for correcting actual location of place of use to that of present irrigation practice. The total amount of acres will remain the same. Only the allocation of acreage per quarter section description will change with a re-allocation of acres per quarter-quarter section. The applicant is proposing to use an existing well that was associated with lapsed permit 33-7060. The previous well is proposed to be abandoned.

Authority to File:

Applicant provided a copy of 2003 tax records of the property. The tax notice indicates that the property is co-owned by himself and Patricia Stauffer.

Water Right Validity:

The water rights involved have only been recently modified and approved by transfer 69786 dated October 30, 2002. The water right was also recently decreed in the SRBA.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Basin 33. Within the Snake River Moratorium area and SRBA. Transfer will be advertised to determine any protests.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement of use. Place of Use comparison shows full overlap with Blaine County Canal Company water rights.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issue identified.

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.