

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 1, 2024
To: Transfer 89245
From: Jake Nebeker
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion for water right 29-66. The point of diversion is being moved from a shared headgate and ditch system to a pump in the Portneuf River on the applicant's property.

Authority to File:

The applicants are the current water right owners of record for water right 29-66. Bannock County tax lot data shows the applicants as the owners of the existing place of use and proposed point of diversion. The applicants have authority to make the change.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2004. Review of 2019, 2021 and 2023 aerial photography shows growing vegetation on the current place of use. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

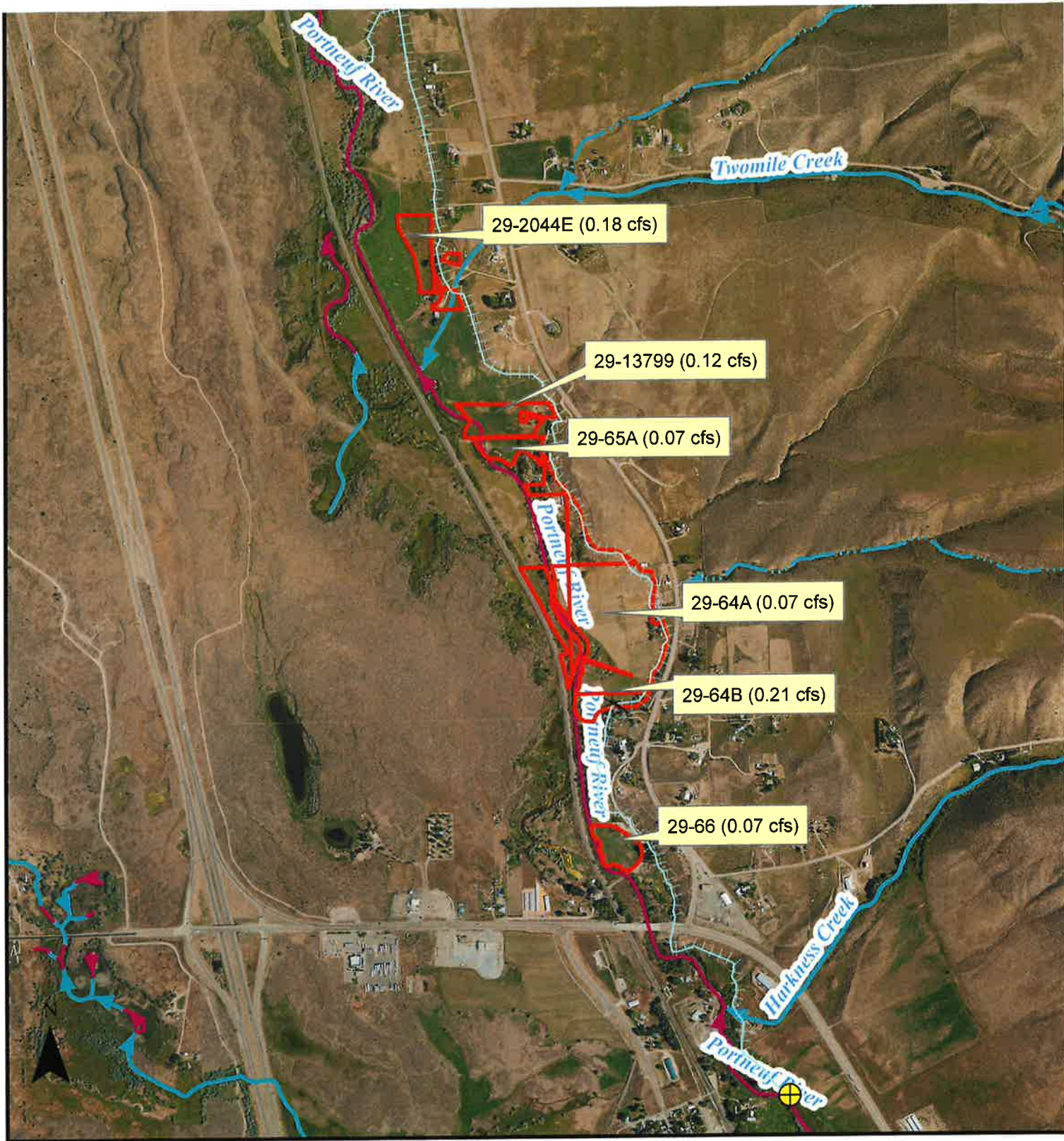
The current delivery system is through the Luis Goodneuf Ditch. A map that shows the ditch system and the user's irrigated acreage is attached. The applicants are the first users on the ditch. While communicating with the applicants, they mentioned that the ditch has not been actively managed or maintained for the last ten years, and there has never been a rotation in place. The ditch is also located in close proximity to the Portneuf River, from the headgate to downstream of the applicant's property. Conveyance losses in the upper section of the ditch are minimal. Therefore, no portion of this right will be left behind to offset the Luis Goodneuf Ditch conveyance losses.

Other rights do not appear to be injured by the proposed change. The quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The water master was notified and does not oppose the approval of this transfer. The transfer was advertised without protest.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change does not appear to result in enlargement because neither rate nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer.

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



Legend

-  Luis Goodneuf HeadGate
-  Luis Goodneuf Ditch
-  Ditch User POU's

Luis Goodneuf Ditch System

2023 Imagery



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