

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2024
To: Transfer 89379
From: Christian Stewart
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change place of use, point of diversion, nature of use, period of use, and add points of diversion. The proposed use is Municipal for the City of Driggs service area from 1/1 to 12/31. The proposed quantity is 0.11 CFS and 23.9 AF. The split portion of the water right has been assigned water right number 22-14619.

Authority to File: Thomas and Lexie Hill are the owners of record for water right 22-7681. Teton Flats LLC has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Rocky Mountain Water Exchange LLC (RMWE) for a portion of water right 22-7681. The application was signed by Kurt Webb, the registered agent for Teton Flats LLC per the Idaho Secretary of State. Thomas and Lexie Hill authorized RMWE the ability to sell water right 22-7681. The application included a signed authorization from August Christensen, mayor of the City of Driggs, to transfer 0.11 CFS of water right 22-7681 into the City municipal system to offset water demand for a development.

Water Right Validity: Water right 22-7681 was licensed on 10/19/2000. Aerial imagery cannot identify any 5 year periods of non use for the acres involved in this transfer. Water right 22-7681 was most recently included in transfer approval 89378. No forfeiture issues identified.

Injury to Other Water Rights: The application was not protested. The water right is not in a water district; no watermaster was contacted. The applicant proposes to pump water from existing wells utilized by the City of Driggs for their existing municipal water rights. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use: Upon transfer approval, the remaining portion of water right 22-7681 will be reduced by .11 CFS, 9 acres, and 31.5 acre feet. The historical consumptive use of 9 acres of Alfalfa- Less Frequent Cuttings is 23.9 AF, the volume for the proposed municipal use. This transfer does not propose an increase in the diversion rate or consumptive water volume. The period of use changes from to 4/15-10/31 to 1/1-12/31 will not result in enlargement because the authorized annual volume remains the same. No water right overlap concerns identified. No enlargement issues identified.

Local Public interest: No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No issues identified.

Effect on Economy the Local Area: No issues identified.

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area: This application proposes changing the nature of use for 9 irrigated agricultural acres. No significant effect on the agricultural base of the local area identified.

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.