

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 3, 2024
To: Transfer 89399
From: Christian Stewart
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change place of use, change point of diversion, and add a point of diversion to a split portion of water right 22-7681. The split portion is .08 cfs, 6 acres, and 21 AF and has been assigned water right number 22-14621. The applicant proposes a 160 acre permissible place of use for the 6 acres of irrigation.

Authority to File: Thomas and Lexie Hill are the owners of record for water right 22-7681. Edelweiss Ranch 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 included a signed document of consent from Thomas and Lexie Hill for the sale of water right 22-7681 to third parties by RMWE. The application included an un-executed deed from Thomas and Lexie Hill to Edelweiss Ranch LLC for the split portion of the water right. Edelweiss Ranch LLC owns the proposed place of use and the locations of the proposed points of diversion.

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 89397.

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 two new proposed wells. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use: The transfer does not propose an increase in the diversion rate, volume, or acres authorized for irrigation by this right. There are no overlapping water rights at the current or proposed place of use. No enlargement issues identified.

Local Public interest: No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No issues 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.