

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 5, 2023
To: Transfer 88523
From: Jake Nebeker
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change ownership and the point of diversion for water rights 21-13129 and 21-13131.

Authority to File:

The applicant provided deed showing the conveyance of the place of use to the applicant. Jefferson County tax lot data shows the applicant as the owner of the place of use and the proposed point of diversion. The applicant has authority to make the change.

Water Right Validity:

The water rights included in this transfer were decreed in the SRBA in 2007. Review of 2017, 2019 and 2021 aerial imagery shows growing vegetation on the current place of use. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

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 transfer was advertised without protest. The water master was notified and did not oppose the approval of this application. The ESPA model was not needed for this transfer since the point of diversion is being moved to an adjacent cell within the ESPA model grid.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change does not appear to result in enlargement because neither rate nor volume nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of this transfer. The point of diversion is simply being moved to a nearby parcel.

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.