

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 2, 2024
To: Transfer 88679
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to combine two rights with separate places of use into a combined place of use to reflect the current irrigation practices on the applicants' property.

Authority to File:

The applicants are the current water right owners of record. According to Lemhi County parcel data, they are the owners of both the current and proposed places of use.

Water Right Validity:

Rights 75-113B and 75-14846 were decreed in the SRBA in 2010. The two rights currently allow for the irrigation of 26 acres, but aerial imagery shows that only 18.3 acres have been regularly irrigated, likely due to a diversion rate of less than half a miner's inch per acre. Therefore, the authorized acres for junior right 75-113B will be reduced by 7.7 acres, as proposed, in order to reflect actual use.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights will not be impacted by the proposed transfer. The point of diversion will not change, and the total number of acres authorized to be irrigated will be reduced. Because the transfer will have no hydrologic impact, public notice will not be required.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the authorized diversion rate and acreage will not increase as a result of the transfer. Right 75-113B will be reduced by 7.7 acres, but the full diversion rate will be concentrated on the remaining 6.3 acres. The authorized rate will still be under the standard one miner's inch per acre.

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:

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.