

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 17, 2024
To: Transfer 88848
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change and add points of diversion, and to change the period of use, place of use, and nature of use of a 5-acre portion of right 24-4074A. The water will be used for one off-stream pond and several small on-stream ponds for erosion prevention. The proposed storage use will be offset by a decrease in irrigation under the right. The transfer will provide for the ponds' annual fill, evaporation, and seepage losses.

Authority to File:

IDWR records show Caribou Ranch LLC as the current owner of the water right, based on an ownership change processed in 2022. However, Caribou County parcel data shows Back Country Pilots LLC as current owner of the 5 acres proposed to be moved, and the manager of Back Country Pilots LLC signed the transfer application. There is no evidence currently available that indicates the water right was withheld from the sale, and Caribou Ranch LLC will receive a copy of the transfer approval. Tincup Ranch LLC is the owner of the proposed points of diversion and places of use. Cary Hamilton provided evidence of his authority to sign the transfer.

Water Right Validity:

Right 24-4074A was decreed in the SRBA in 2007. Post-decree aerial imagery shows regular irrigation of the place of use through 2022. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The unchanged portion of right 24-4074A will continue to have access to all 3 decreed sources, while the changed portion will only be served by the unnamed stream. The unchanged 3 acres should still have adequate water for conveyance losses since the right was decreed at 0.03 cfs per acre and the 3 acres are located close to the point of diversion. It's not likely that other water users would be injured by the proposed change. The proposed retirement of 5 irrigated acres is adequate to mitigate for the water use associated with the ponds. The application was advertised and no protests were received.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed uses will not result in enlargement because enough acreage will be retired to offset the proposed uses associated with the ponds. Neither rate nor consumptive use volume will increase.

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.



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Grass Hay Precipitation Deficit (Click here for a graph)															
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Growing Season ^a	Non Growing Season ^b	Annual
Mean ^j	mm/day												mm		
Monthly ^c	-0.15	-0.05	0.03	0.06	0.97	3.75	5.52	3.94	2.25	-0.08	-0.56	-0.31	511	-38	473
15-Day Moving Average ^d	-0.16	-0.08	0.03	0.01	0.88	3.63	5.62	3.93	2.18	-0.05	-0.62	-0.30			
7-Day Moving Average ^e	-0.16	-0.07	0.02	0.00	0.86	3.65	5.55	3.95	2.22	-0.07	-0.59	-0.30			
3-Day Moving Average ^f	-0.16	-0.06	0.02	0.04	0.93	3.68	5.51	3.95	2.25	-0.10	-0.56	-0.31			