

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 24, 2024
To: Transfer 88856
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Angielen LLC's feed lot operation has expanded and additional water is needed to cover the increased demand. This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion, add a point of diversion, change the place of use, nature of use, and season of use for a 17-acre portion of water right 32-13268. This transfer also modifies existing stockwater rights 32-10007, 32-13351, 32-13352, 32-13353 to reflect how water will be used within the expanded feedlot. 17.0 irrigated acres under endguns will be dried up which will provide an additional 0.22 cfs and 35.7 af for beef cattle at the feedlot. The feedlot will operate year-round. Water rights 32-13351, 32-13352 and 32-13353 provide water for at least 1,400 beef cattle. Right 32-10007 provides water for at least 600 beef cattle. Water right 32-13268 will provide water for at least an additional 2,656 beef cattle.

There are two existing wells associated with the feed lot that will be utilized. The points of diversion are in the SESE and SWSE, Section 29, T10N, R34E. Water from the two wells is pumped to a 14,000-gallon storage tank. Water from the tank is diverted to troughs within the feed lot. A magnetic flow meter will be installed.

Water right 32-13268 shared a point of diversion and a combined place of use with water rights 32-13270, 32-13272, 32-13395, 32-13396 and 32-13397. These water rights were added to this transfer as associated water rights. The place of use and combined water use conditions will be modified to reflect the changes made to 32-13268.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of the water rights per IDWR record and owner of the property at the proposed points of diversion and proposed place of use per Clark County taxlot data. Brion Egan signed the application. Rabo Agrifinance holds a security interest in most of the rights involved in this transfer. Rabo provided a letter consenting to the transfer.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights were decreed in the early 2000's. Aerial photography shows the 17.0 acres consistently irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Water rights are located within the ESPA model grid boundary and is regulated by WD 110. The existing and proposed points of diversion are within adjacent ESPA model cells. No ESPA analysis required. The extended season of use should not cause injury if the right holder does not divert in excess their stockwater rights. This transfer was advertised and there were no protests. The watermaster does not oppose this transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

The applicant provided a nature of use change water balance analysis. The analysis demonstrates that an adequate number of acres (17) are being dried up to provide an additional 35.7 acre-feet of water for the feed lot operation. There are no enlargement concerns. A magnetic flow meter will be installed to measure the amount of water used at the feed lot.

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.