

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 16, 2024
To: Transfer 88977
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to create a 158-acre permissible place of use for five ground water rights: 35-13579, 35-13581, 35-13606, 35-14542 and 35-14543. These rights, in combination, authorize 105 acres of irrigation.

Authority to File: Application was filed by Richard Winberg, the owner of record for the rights. According to the Bingham County parcel map, Winberg owns the existing and proposed places of use. Application was prepared by consultant, Greg Sullivan. Applicant has the authority to file.

Water Right Validity: Water rights are valid for transfer. A portion of the existing place of use has been consistently irrigated. The remaining acres were enrolled in the CRP program. Now that the acreage is out of CRP, applicant plans on installing a center pivot.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No apparent issues. Place of use is simply being converted into a permissible place of use to provide flexibility in future adjustments.

Enlargement of Use: No issues identified. Approval will carry a combined acre limit and a requirement that the right holder identify the specific 105 acres to be irrigated. Unnecessary (additive) combined limits were removed from the water rights.

Local Public interest / 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.