

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 9, 2025
To: Transfer 89680
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to rearrange the place of use of two BRBA claims based on existing licenses. It is clear that both claims were filed as accomplished transfers because the claimed place of use differs from the water right licenses in the number of acres per QQ. However, after commencement, the irrigation system changed from a pivot and handlines to 2 pivots and fewer handlines. This transfer is needed to reflect the post-commencement irrigated acreage. The transfer will also bring the rights up to current standards and will correct the annual volume for irrigation on 17-7032.

Authority to File:

According to IDWR records, the applicants are the current owners of the water rights and the BRBA claims included in the transfer. Oneida County parcel data show that the applicants are the owners of the current and proposed places of use.

Water Right Validity:

The two claims are based on water right licenses, one issued in 1964 and the other in 1986. Aerial imagery shows consistent irrigation of the current place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights will not be impacted by the proposed transfer. The point of diversion is not changing, and the place of use is simply being rearranged in the vicinity of the current place of use. Only the legal description of the POU will change. Because the transfer will have no hydrologic impact, public notice is not required.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the authorized diversion rate, volume and acreage will not increase as a result of the transfer.

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.