

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 19, 2025
To: Transfer 89628
From: Christian Stewart/Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion physically located on Rapid Creek for two Inman Creek water rights. Inman Creek is Tributary to Rapid Creek. Water will be diverted to irrigate the 8 acres with a portable pump at the new point of diversion on Rapid Creek and/or diverted at the existing gravity flow pipe system from the ditch on Inman Creek.

Authority to File:

The applicants George H Chandler and Rhonda Chandler are the owners of record for rights 29-14219 and 29-14220. Bannock County parcel records show that the applicants own the place of use and the proposed new point of diversion.

Water Right Validity:

The SRBA court issued a partial decree for both rights on 08/20/2004. Aerial Imagery shows irrigation on the place of use from 2004-2023. Both water rights appear to be valid.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The application was advertised without protest. The watermaster provided comment and did not believe there would be injury to other water users. The existing diversion is on a shared ditch. George and Rhonda Chandler are the last water users on the existing ditch, where they withdraw water from the ditch through a gravity fed pipe to the place of use. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

Water right 29-14219, with a priority date of June 1, 1884, authorizes the diversion of 0.07 cfs from Inman Creek for the irrigation of 8.0 acres. This right is subject to a condition of approval that limits a specific group of water rights to a total combined diversion rate of 0.20 cfs, to be used in rotation as provided for in the Stewart v. Damron Decree (Fifth Jud. Dist. Ct., Bannock County, June 22, 1906). The affected water rights are: 29-285A, 29-285B, 29-285C, 29-285E, 29-285F, 29-285G, 29-285I, 29-285J, 29-14219, 29-14149, 29-14150, 29-14151, 29-14152, and 29-14534. These rights are currently diverted from six points of diversion on Rapid Creek, Inman Creek, and Webb Creek.

Administering this rotational 0.20 cfs limitation across these six points of diversion is already impractical, and Water District 29D water master reports do not clearly demonstrate proper administration. Adding the Rapid Creek point of diversion to water right 29-14219 is likely to result in an enlargement and would further complicate administration, increasing the risk of exceeding the 0.20 cfs limit. Therefore, to prevent an enlargement, the Rapid Creek point of diversion located in the NWSW, Sec. 14, T07S, 36E will not be added as an authorized point of diversion for water right 29-14219. However, this same Rapid Creek point of diversion may be included as an authorized point of diversion for water right 29-14220.

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.