

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 6, 2025

To: Transfer 89754

From: Christian Stewart

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change place of use, point of diversion, period of use, and add points of diversion for a split portion of a groundwater irrigation right. The proposed use is Municipal for the City of Driggs service area from 1/01 to 12/31. The split right has been assigned water right number 22-14659.

Authority to File: Thomas and Lexie Hill are the owners of record for water right 22-7681. Rocky Mountain water Exchange LLC (RMWE) is under contract with Thomas and Lexie Hill and has authorization to transfer and sell water right 22-7681. The application was signed by Thomas and Lexie Hill. The application includes a signed authorization from City of Driggs mayor August Christensen to transfer 0.03 cfs and 3.2 afa into the City of Driggs municipal system to offset water demand for new development.

Water Right Validity: Water right 22-7681 was licensed on 10/19/2000. Aerial imagery cannot identify any 5 year periods of non-use for the acres involved in this transfer. Water right 22-7681 was most recently included in transfer approval 89430. No forfeiture issues identified.

Injury to Other Water Rights: The application was not protested. The water right is not in a water district; no watermaster was contacted. The applicant proposes to pump water from existing wells utilized by the City of Driggs for their existing municipal water rights. The proposed points of diversion are downhill of the historical point of diversion. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use: Upon transfer approval, the remaining portion of water right 22-7681 will be reduced by 0.03 cfs, 7.0 acre feet, and 2.0 acres. The historical use of 2.0 acres of grass pasture low management is 1.57 acre feet per year, for a total of 3.1 (3.14) acre feet available for municipal volume. This transfer does not propose an increase in diversion rate or consumptive water volume. The period-of-use change will not result in enlargement because the authorized annual volume is limited. No enlargement issues identified.

Local Public interest: No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No issues identified.

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area: The application proposes changing the nature of use for 2.0 irrigated pasture acres. No significant effect on the agricultural base of the local area 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.