

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 8, 2025
To: Transfer 89867
From: Cooper Fritz
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer changes the place of use for 26 acres of right 34-14694. Companion Transfer 89863 moves 26 acres of rights 34-2408A and 34-13266 to the area covered by 34-14694 prior to this transfer, essentially creating a "swap."

Authority to File:

The applicant, Derek Nichols, has the authority to file.
The applicant owned the water right at the time of transfer submittal, according to Butte County taxlot data.
The applicant owned the property at the pre- and post-transfer places of use.
The applicant signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

The water right is valid for transfer.
It was decreed in 2001. Review of post-decree aerial photography demonstrates consistent irrigation.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No other water rights will be injured as a result of this transfer.
The transfer was advertised and no protests were recieved.
The Watermaster of Water District 34 was notified of the transfer and did not comment.
Both water rights 34-14694 (this transfer) and 34-13266 (Transfer 89863) are delivered to their places of use via the Moore Canal from the Big Lost River. The Moore Canal Water Users' Association, through a letter included in the application materials and signed by its president, Travis Anderson, consented to the proposed changes in the rights' places of use.

Enlargement of Use:

No enlargement of use will result from this transfer's approval.
Rate, volume, nor irrigated acres are authorized to increase.

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.