

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 26, 2025
To: Transfer 89833
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for 15.2 acres of groundwater right 34-2416D. The current place of use for this right is 80.0 acres, irrigated by a center pivot and hand lines. The proposed change would move the 15.2 acres from the pivot corners to a different portion of the same field that lacks a ground water right. Additionally, the applicant wishes to remove the unused point of re-diversion from the water right. Water will continue to be directly diverted from the existing point of diversion at SESESW, Section 05, 04N, 26E.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of the water right per IDWR record and the current owner of the current place of use. The proposed place of use is owned by Debra Waddoups, who has provided a signed consent document for the transfer application.

Water Right Validity:

The water right was decreed in the SRBA in 1997. A review of aerial photography from 2019 through 2025 confirms that the property has been under irrigation. Given this evidence, there is no indication that forfeiture has occurred, so it is not a factor in this transfer.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

This application seeks to change the place of use only. The point of re-diversion will be removed from the water right. The point of diversion in the SESESW will remain the same. This transfer will be processed with no advertisement. The WD 34 watermaster does not oppose the application. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

To prevent an enlargement of use, several associated water rights were included in this transfer and will be adjusted as follows:

- Water Rights 34-311A and 34-622D: These Big Lost River water rights share a common 80.0-acre place of use, which they authorize to irrigate up to 60.0 acres. The place of use will be reduced by 15.2 acres to 64.8 acres, and the combined limit conditions will be modified to reflect this change.
- Water Rights 34-496B and 34-692E: These Big Lost River water rights overlap the proposed place of use and, when combined, authorize the irrigation of 80.0 acres. To prevent an enlargement, the total authorized acreage for water right 34-2416D (15.2 acres) and these two rights will be limited to a combined total of 80.0 acres.

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.