

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 27, 2025
To: Transfer 89826
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

BRBA claim 13-2183 currently has a single point of diversion located near Battle Creek just upstream of Strongarm Reservoir #1. This transfer originally proposed to retain the existing point of diversion and add a second point of diversion near the proposed place of use. After advertisement the applicant decided to remove the existing point of diversion and only use the proposed new point of diversion. The current place of use is a digital boundary. The proposed place of use is a specific 88 acres owned by the applicant. The applicant also seeks to update the period of use to the standard season.

Authority to File:

In 2024 right 13-2183 was claimed in the BRBA by Strongarm Reservoir Irrigation Company (SRIC). The applicant provided an agreement, signed by the president of SRIC, which allows the applicant to pursue the transfer. The application was signed by David Cattani, manager of Cattani Farms LLC. Franklin County parcel data show the applicant as the owner of the proposed point of diversion and place of use. According to the agreement the water right will be sold to the applicant after the transfer is approved.

Water Right Validity:

Right 13-2183 was licensed in 1967 and was claimed in the BRBA in 2024 consistent with transfer 84773, which was approved in 2022. The application says that this right has not been used for many years, but aerial imagery shows consistent irrigation of the current place of use with SRIC's surface water rights. Therefore, forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights should not be impacted by the proposed transfer. There are no other claimed points of diversion within a half mile of the proposed well. The application was advertised without protest. The Water District 11 Watermaster did not oppose approval of the transfer.

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. Right 13-2183 is currently limited to 908 acres within the SRIC boundary. After the transfer the right will be limited to 88 acres and will be fully stacked with SRIC shares. The original license did not include a period of use, so it will be updated to reflect the current standard season for the area.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

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.