

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 6, 2025
To: Transfer 89824
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposed to change the point of diversion for water rights 34-12361 and 34-2413C. Currently the applicants share a well with Harry Crawford who is a neighboring property owner. The applicants currently divert water from the shared well into the Burnett Ditch where it flows down to the applicant's property. Water is then pumped into a pressurized irrigation system consisting of pivots and wheel lines. The applicants are seeking to drill a new well on their property where water can be directly diverted into their pressurized system.

Water rights 34-12361 and 34-2413C contained volume conditions that exceeded 3.5 acre-feet (af) per acre, with the volumes for each right not being identical. Because the applicants intend to drill a new well and directly divert groundwater into a pressurized irrigation system, the combined limit for the two water rights will now be 3.5 af per acre at the field headgate. This new total equates to 584.5 af.

Authority to File:

The applicants are the current owners of water rights per IDWR record and owner of the property at the proposed point of diversion per Butte County taxlot data (updated 6/26/2025). Moj and Kelsey Broadie signed the application.

Water Right Validity:

These water rights were decreed in the SRBA in 2001. Recent aerial photography shows 167 acres at the place of use irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

These water rights are regulated by WD34. The current point of diversion and proposed point of diversion are within adjacent ESPA model cells. No ESPA analysis required. WD34 watermaster does not oppose the application.

Enlargement of Use:

This transfer was advertised and protested by Byron Pehrson. Byron is concerned that the transfer will result in an enlargement and injury to existing water rights. Byron Pehrson withdrew his protest on the condition that the IDWR investigate the water use from the shared and proposed wells in 2026. As long as the water users stay within their water right limitations there will be no enlargement issues.

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.