

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 9, 2026
To: Transfer 90163
From: McKenna Webster
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to construct an additional well for Municipal use, which will be added to the municipal water supply system and water rights. Wells 4, 12, and 13 are proposed to be abandoned and removed from municipal water rights. Additionally, ownership will be updated for one recently obtained water right.

Authority to File:

A warranty deed was provided showing the conveyance of water right 27-12332 from Evan and Kirstie Steel to the City of Blackfoot. All other water rights involved in this transfer, according to IDWR records, are owned by the City of Blackfoot as well. The application was signed by Marc Carroll, the mayor of the City of Blackfoot.

Water Right Validity:

Parent water rights were decreed in the SRBA in 2006 and 2007. Water District 120 watermaster reports show water being delivered regularly. The department has found no evidence to suggest forfeiture of the City of Blackfoot's municipal water rights.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The current and proposed points of diversion are within the ESPA. The applicant used the weighted centroid approach in their ESPA analysis. As a result, both the weighted centroid and new point of diversion fall within adjacent ESPA model cells. Therefore, no model analysis is required. The transfer application was advertised, and no protests were received. Watermaster does not oppose the application.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the authorized diversion rate and volume will not increase as a result of the transfer.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Effect on Economy of 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.