

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 6, 2023
To: Transfer #87622, Eccles Flying Hat Ranch, LLC file
From: Jim Bitzenburg
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application for transfer proposes to change the place of use (POU) for two ground water and four surface water rights, with a combined flow rate of 1.35 cfs, which currently irrigate 42.0 acres of ground within a 675.5 acre permissible place of use (PPU) lying between the north end of Bellevue and Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey. The proposed 42.0 acre POU will occupy a portion of the ground within the PPU and adjacent land located approximately 1.0 mile north and 0.8 mile west of the intersection of Pine Street and Main Street in Bellevue.

Consent agreements allowing water rights to be transferred off of the 675.5 acre PPU were signed by all parties involved in the water right ownership changes leading up to this transfer and are included in the transfer documents.

The transfer is in Water District 37, so Watermaster comments were solicited and the Watermaster had no comments regarding the application. Advertising was not necessary because the transfer will only change the POU of land contiguous to the present POU.

- **Authority to File:**
The Department's database indicates that the transfer water rights are owned by the applicant, Eccles Flying Hat Ranch, LLC. The application was signed by Mark Reinemann, who has been granted Limited Power of Attorney (POA) in water right matters by Eccles Flying Hat Ranch, LLC. The document granting the POA was included in the transfer application.
- **Water Right Validity:**
The water rights were decreed in the SRBA, and ample irrigation is evident at the current POU, so forfeiture is likely not an issue.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated or foreseen. The POD is not moving and there is no increase in volume or acres.
- **Enlargement of Use:**
None anticipated.
- **Local Public Interest:**
No issues anticipated.
- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**
Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use of water.
- **Effect on the Economy of the Local Area:**
None Anticipated
- **Effect of the Agricultural Base of the Area:**
None Anticipated

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.

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