

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 3, 2026
To: Transfer 90177
From: McKenna Webster
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion, place of use, and update ownership records for water right 27-10010.

Authority to File:

According to deeds provided by the applicant, the applicant is the current owner of the water rights. Ownership of the right will be updated in the transfer. Additionally, Bingham county parcel data shows that the owner of the proposed place of use is the president of Pocatello Ready Mix, Inc. Coleman Horrocks, the vice president of the company according to the annual report, signed the application authorizing the changes.

Water Right Validity:

The water right was decreed in the SRBA in 2010. Aerial imagery shows minimal activity at the current place of use over the last decade. Meter readings were requested, but, potentially as a result of a fire at the facility, were unable to be located. WMIS records show no use. However, according to information from the representative, water has been diverted, not from the current point of diversion, but rather from the proposed points of diversion since 2014. Imagery shows ponds at the proposed place of use in 2015, 2017, and 2024. Water is being used; it is simply difficult to say how much and if that includes water which is meant to be diverted at the Castle Concrete facility. Based on information provided by the representative, the department has found no evidence to suggest forfeiture of industrial water right 27-10010.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The current and proposed points of diversion are within the ESPA. The points of diversion are within adjacent ESPA Model cells; therefore, no model run is required. The transfer application was advertised, and no protests were received. The watermaster for Water District 120 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.