

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 17, 2026
To: Transfer 90345
From: McKenna Webster
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change and add points of diversion, change nature of use, place of use, and period of use for a 6.4-acre portion of water right 35-7449B. The City of Blackfoot (applicant) is obtaining additional water for municipal use for new developments within the established City of Blackfoot service area.

Authority to File:

Purchase and sale agreements involving the current water right owner and the applicant were provided. Upon approval of this transfer, the water right will be conveyed to the applicant.

Ownership will also be updated after the transfer is completed. According to IDWR records, the applicant is a municipal provider in Bingham County. The application was signed by Scott Stufflebeam, the mayor of the City of Blackfoot.

Water Right Validity:

The water right was decreed in 2002. Aerial imagery shows regular irrigation of the place of use for over a decade. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The current and proposed points of diversion are located in the ESPA. An ESPA analysis was completed; no mitigation required. The transfer application was advertised, and no protests were received. Watermaster does not oppose the application. No injury identified.

Enlargement of Use:

To prevent enlargement, the volume being transferred is limited to 18.9 acre-feet, which is the historical consumptive use associated with the 6.4 acres being transferred. 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.