

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 14, 2026
To: Transfer 90139
From: McKenna Webster
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to move water rights 32-7025, 32-10127, and 32-7261 to the lands that are actually receiving the water. Diversions no longer in use are proposed to be removed, and the domestic well location is to be corrected. Water right conditions regarding Reno Ditch Co are proposed to be removed as well.

Water Right 32-7025 was split into Water Right 32-7025 and Water Right 32-13407 because the beneficial uses occur at different points of diversion and places of use. Water Right 32-7025 represents the domestic and stockwater portion of the original right, and Water Right 32-13407 represents the irrigation portion.

Authority to File:

According to IDWR records, the applicant is the current owner of the water rights included in the transfer. Additionally, Clark County parcel data shows that the applicant is the owner of the proposed place of use. The annual report was provided showing Ted Sorenson as an authorized signer on behalf of Birch Creek Ranches.

Water Right Validity:

All water rights were decreed in 2000 except 32-7261, which was licensed in 2006. The Applicant's land has been irrigated with a combination of surface water rights through Reno Ditch Co and their ground water rights, which are included in this transfer. The number of acres irrigated are equal to the number of acres permitted in the Applicant's water rights. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The current points of diversion are located within the ESPA. Two points of diversion are being removed from the water rights; however, none are being changed to a different physical location. The points of diversion will instead be described as a 40-acre tract. No ESPA analysis required. The transfer application was advertised, and no protests were received. Watermaster does not oppose the application. No injury identified.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the authorized diversion rate, volume, and acreage will not increase as a result of the transfer. Historically, no surface water from Reno Ditch Co has been stacked with the ground water rights in this transfer despite the current conditions on the water rights. Those conditions are proposed to be removed as it appears they were added in error. Enlargement is not an issue.

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.