

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 18, 2026
To: Transfer 90434
From: McKenna Webster
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for water rights 73-172, 73-12005, 73-12003, and 73-211A to reflect the actual irrigated acres. These rights are delivered through the same delivery system and share a common place of use. However, to effectively administer these rights, the place of use boundaries will be separated:

- 73-172; 425.1-acre place of use
- 73-12005 and 73-12003; 184.2-acre place of use
- 73-211A; 40.0-acre place of use.

Authority to File:

According to IDWR records, the applicant is one of the current owners of the water rights included in the transfer. Additionally, Custer County parcel data shows that the applicant is the owner of the proposed place of use. The security interest listed for 73-172 has released interest. Cathrine Mickelsen, the other owner of water rights involved in this transfer, signed the application, as did Don Mickelsen.

Water Right Validity:

All water rights were decreed in 2010. Aerial imagery shows regular irrigation and cultivation of the place of use for over a decade. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Because this is a place of use change to reflect the actual irrigation practices, no advertisement is necessary. Watermaster comment was requested, but none was received. No injury identified.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the authorized diversion rate and acreage will not increase as a result of the transfer. Rights 73-12003 and 73-12005 when combined are limited to the irrigation of 184.2 acres.

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.