

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 16, 2026
To: Transfer 90435
From: McKenna Webster
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for water rights 73-7026 and 73-7032 to reflect the actual irrigation practices. These rights are delivered through the same delivery system and have a 70-acre place of use overlap. To ensure that these rights can be effectively administered, each will have separate place of use boundary.

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 73-7026 and 73-7032 has been released. Cathrine Mickelsen, the other owner of water rights 73-7026 and 73-7032, 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. The applicant came into the office (7/16) to give more information about the irrigation practices associated with the pivot corners. The pivot corners are flood-irrigated periodically throughout the irrigation season. Aerial imagery confirms that there is vegetation growth. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Because this is a rearrangement of the place of use 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, volume, and acreage will not increase as a result of the transfer. Rights 73-7026 and 73-7032 when combined are limited to 1291.5 af, and the irrigation of 369 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.