
Application for Transfer 90555 (Vance Hawley)

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Fred,

On June 26, 2026, Vance Hawley filed Application for Transfer 90555 with IDWR, seeking to change the point of diversion and ownership records for a 2.5-acre portion of water rights 33-51 and 33-54. The application does not propose to change the place of use for the split portion of the rights, only to complete the ownership change to create the split portions. Therefore, the only part of water rights 33-51 and 33-54 that are affected by Application 90555 are the 2.5 acres owned by Vance Hawley in the NENE of Section 25, T06N, R28E. Vance conveyed the larger farm to his son, Jeff, several years ago. Jeff Hawley conveyed the larger place of use for water rights 33-51, 33-54 and the other combined rights to Cozee Haven Ranch LLC.

On July 27, 2026, you filed a protest against Application 90555 for the BLM. You raised a concern that part of the remaining portion of water rights 33-51 and 33-54 (the portion owned by Cozee Haven Ranch LLC) includes federal land (specifically the SESE of Section 14, T06N, R28E). Unfortunately, the remaining portion of water rights 33-51 and 33-54 are not owned by the Applicant and are not before IDWR in Application 90555. Outside of splitting the ownership of the right, the Department does not have the authority to change any of the elements of the remaining portion of water rights 33-51 or 33-54 through the proposed transfer. If the place of use for the remaining portion of water rights 33-51 and 33-54 is to be updated, it must be done through an application initiated by and signed by Cozee Haven Ranch LLC.

Based on recent aerial imagery, it appears that the SESE of Section 14 has not been irrigated in recent years. The large pivot with its center in the NE corner of the NWNW of Section 24 has been limited to avoid watering the BLM ground. Further, the small pivot with its center in the NESE of Section 14 is operated in a way to avoid watering the BLM ground. At some point, Cozee Haven Ranch LLC will file a transfer application to rearrange its place of use. Your protest would be relevant in that proceeding.

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