

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 23, 2026
To: Transfer 90426 **90567**
From: McKenna Webster/Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion for a split portion of water right 75-14426. The applicants recently obtained a 1.6-acre portion of water right 75-14426 through a property conveyance. The applicants seek to add a point of diversion on Fourth of July Creek located onto their property. An electric powered pump will divert water from the creek through a K-line with five sprinkler pods. Additionally, the applicants submitted an ownership change for the 1.6-acre portion which is now identified as water right 75-15158.

Authority to File:

A warranty deed was provided showing that the applicants are the owner of the split portion of water right 75-14426 as well as the owner of the place of use. The proposed point of diversion lies at the northeast corner of the applicant's property.

Water Right Validity:

The water right was decreed in 2009. Aerial imagery appears to show irrigation occurring. This water right is located within a relatively new water district with limited measurement records. The applicant provided 2026 delivery records from May through August accounting for the water right being delivered. The applicant stated that a 6" water line brings water from the ditch to the property line where it is then distributed by poly pipe; the previous owners irrigated only enough to keep the grass green for several mules. With the information available, it cannot be said with certainty that five years of nonuse have occurred. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The transfer application was advertised, and no protests were received. The Watermaster was contacted by phone to discuss the applicant's application. The watermaster indicated that the result of the transfer will not cause injury issues. In fact, the Watermaster mentioned that he is unable to deliver the full quantity of water (4.65 cfs) authorized under the twelve water rights at the existing point of diversion because of delivery system restrictions at the headgate. No injury issues 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.

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.