

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF CROOK

CERTIFICATE OF WATER RIGHT

THIS CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO

OREGON RANCHING CO.; TWIN BUTTES RANCH
62400 PAULINA HWY
POST OR 97752

confirms the right to use the waters of A WELL (CROO 53636), in the CROOKED RIVER BASIN, for the IRRIGATION of 252.6 ACRES.

This right was perfected under Permit G-16458. The date of priority is NOVEMBER 23, 2007. The amount of water to which this right is entitled is limited to an amount actually used beneficially, and shall not exceed 3.16 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND measured at the well.

The period of use is April 15 through October 15.

The well is located as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
17 S	22 E	WM	2	SW SE	CROO 53636 - 1060 FEET NORTH AND 270 FEET EAST FROM S1/4 CORNER, SECTION 2

The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

A description of the place of use is as follows:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
17 S	22 E	WM	2	NE SE	8.4
17 S	22 E	WM	2	NW SE	21.8
17 S	22 E	WM	2	SW SE	28.2
17 S	22 E	WM	2	SE SE	36.8
17 S	22 E	WM	11	NE NE	36.5
17 S	22 E	WM	11	NW NE	40.0
17 S	22 E	WM	11	SW NE	22.2
17 S	22 E	WM	11	SE NE	7.5
17 S	22 E	WM	11	NE NW	38.7
17 S	22 E	WM	11	NW NW	3.0

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is an order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484 and ORS 536.075. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 183.484, ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080, you may petition for judicial review and petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied. In addition, under ORS 537.260 any person with an application, permit or water right certificate subsequent in priority may jointly or severally contest the issuance of the certificate within three months after issuance of the certificate.

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
17 S	22 E	WM	11	SE NW	9.5

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. The water user shall maintain the flow meter or other suitable measuring device in good working order, shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month, and shall submit a report which includes the recorded water use measurements to the Department annually or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the water user to report general water-use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the right.
- B. The water user shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

Use of water under authority of this right may be regulated if analysis of data available after the right is issued discloses that the appropriation will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife in effect as of the priority date of the right or as those quantities may be subsequently reduced.

The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for the well on this water right. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

The reference level against which any future measurements will be compared is 135.16 feet below land surface.

All measurements shall be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board and be submitted to the Department on forms provided by the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- (A) Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well ID; and
- (B) Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- (C) Specify the method of measurement; and
- (D) Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

The water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well if any of the following events occur:

- (A) Annual water-level measurements reveal an average water-level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- (B) Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 15 or more feet in fewer than five consecutive years; or
- (C) Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 25 or more feet; or
- (D) Hydraulic interference leads to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority.

The period of restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or until the Department determines, based on the water user's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or senior water rights. The water user shall in no instance allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this right.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this right may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the right.

If substantial interference with a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from the well listed on this right, then use of water from the well shall be discontinued or reduced and/or the schedule of withdrawal shall be regulated until or unless the Department approves or implements an alternative administrative action to mitigate the interference. The Department encourages junior and senior appropriators to jointly develop plans to mitigate interference.

The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge to determine the water level elevation in the well at all times.

The use may be restricted if the quality of downstream waters decreases to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state and federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.


Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.

The Director may require water level or pump-test results every ten years.

This right is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.

By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.

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