

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF MALHEUR

CERTIFICATE OF WATER RIGHT

THIS CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO

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confirms the right to the use of water perfected under the terms of Permit G-18247. The amount of water used to which this right is entitled is limited to the amount used beneficially, and shall not exceed the amount specified, or its equivalent in the case of rotation, measured at the point of diversion from the source. The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-18654

SOURCE OF WATER: WELL 2 (MALH 54429/L126977) IN MALHEUR RIVER BASIN

PURPOSE or USE: IRRIGATION OF 11.97 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 0.125 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: APRIL 18, 2018

WELL LOCATION:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
18 S	46 E	WM	29	NW NE	330 FEET SOUTH AND 2226 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 29

The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 2.5 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
18 S	46 E	WM	29	NW NE	9.92
18 S	46 E	WM	29	NE NW	2.05

**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.

Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting Conditions:

- A. The water user shall maintain the totalizing flow meter in good working order, at each point of appropriation.
- B. The water user shall allow the watermaster access to the device; provided however, where any device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- C. The Director may require the water user to keep and maintain a record of the volume of water diverted, and may require the water user to report water-use on a periodic schedule as established by the Director. In addition, the Director may require the water user to report general water-use information, the periods of water use and the place and nature of use of water under the right.
- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the water user to submit alternative reporting procedures for review and approval.

The water user shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.

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 any well listed on this right, then use of water from the well(s) 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 interferences.

The well(s) shall be maintained in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine the water level elevation in the well at all times.

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.



The right to the use of the water for the above purpose is restricted to beneficial use on the place of use described.

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