

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF KLAMATH

CERTIFICATE OF WATER RIGHT

THIS CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO

HIGH COUNTRY RANCH ROADS & PARKS ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 474
BLY OR 97622

confirms the right to store water perfected under the terms of Permit R-15293. 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: R-87853

SOURCE OF WATER: RESERVOIR CREEK, A TRIBUTARY OF MERYL CREEK

STORAGE FACILITY: O'CONNERS PUDDLE, AN ENLARGEMENT OF RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-5253

PURPOSE OR USE OF THE STORED WATER: RECREATION AND WILDLIFE

MAXIMUM VOLUME: 46.1 ACRE-FEET EACH YEAR

WATER MAY BE APPROPRIATED FOR STORAGE DURING THE PERIOD: JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 31 AND MARCH 1 THROUGH MAY 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: DECEMBER 13, 2012

The dam is located as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
35 S	14 E	WM	7	NE SE	2750 FEET SOUTH AND 580 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 7

The area submerged by this reservoir is as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
35 S	14 E	WM	7	SE NE
35 S	14 E	WM	7	NE SE
35 S	14 E	WM	8	SW NW
35 S	14 E	WM	8	NW SW

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.

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. The water user shall maintain, in good working order, a staff gage that measures the entire range and stage between full reservoir level and dead-pool storage. If no dead-pool, the gage shall measure the full depth of the reservoir.
- B. The water user shall allow the watermaster access to the meter device; provided however, where device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- C. The water user shall keep a complete record of the volume of water stored each month, and shall submit a report which includes water-storage 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.
- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the water user to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

The storage of water allowed herein is subject to the installation and maintenance of an outlet pipe (with a minimum diameter of 8" for any in-channel reservoir). This requirement may be waived if the Department determines other means have been provided to evacuate water when necessary.

The water use shall pass all live flow outside the storage season described above.

The Director may require the user to measure inflow and outflow, above and below the reservoir respectively, to ensure that live flow is not impeded outside the storage season. Measurement devices and their implementation must be acceptable to the Director, and the Director may require that data be recorded on a specified periodic basis and reported to the Department annually or more frequently.

This right allows an annual appropriation (not to exceed the specified volume). This right does not provide for the appropriation of water out-of-reservoir uses, the maintenance of the water level or maintaining a suitable freshwater condition. If any water is to be used for out-of-reservoir purposes, a secondary water right is required. If any additional live flow is to be appropriated to maintain either the water level or a suitable freshwater condition, an additional water right is required.

A fishway to ensure adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish is required for any in-channel obstruction, unless the permittee has requested and been granted a fish passage waiver by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The water user may be required in the future to install, maintain, and operate fish screening to prevent fish from entering the diversion.

Routine maintenance as described 690-020-0250 including but not limited to, brush and tree removal and mowing or other control of other vegetation on the embankment and spillway; removal of burrowing animals and filling burrows; control of surface erosion; maintenance of freeboard and adequate crest width; ensuring nothing reduces spillway capacity; at least annual cycling of all valves, with lubrication as necessary; and ensuring cracked concrete structures have been properly patched, sealed, caulked or replaced to prevent deterioration.

The spillway shall not be altered without written approval from the State Engineer.

Repair or replacement of defective or worn out equipment (including but not limited to gates, valves, and conduits) shall be completed as needed.

The dam shall not be modified to increase water storage or reduce safety of the dam. Any modification that would increase storage shall require a new water right, design by an engineer, and approval by the State Engineer.

No valve shall be installed at the downstream end of the low level conduit, and the low level conduit shall not be operated in a pressurized condition unless approved plans and specifications included specifics for pressurized operations, including an operations manual and special inspections as necessary of pressurized conduits for the dam.

Flashboards shall not be used on this dam.

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.

The use may be restricted if the quality of the source stream decreases to the point that it no longer meets state and federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.

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 use of water allowed herein may be made only at times when sufficient water is available to satisfy all prior rights, including prior rights for maintaining instream flows.

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

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