

Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
4 S	40 E	WM	34	SW NW	19.2
4 S	40 E	WM	34	SE NW	4.4
4 S	40 E	WM	34	NE SW	3.5
4 S	40 E	WM	34	NW SW	1.5
Total Acres					28.6

3. Certificate 6459 does not provided a description of the location of the point of diversion. Based upon information provided by the Lessors and Lessee the point of diversion is Miles Ditch and appears to be located as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Coordinates
4 S	40E	WM	34	NW SE	Latitude 45.169637, Longitude -117.799648

4. Certificate 6459 does not specify the irrigation season; nor is an irrigation season specified by Basin Program or Decree. For the purposes of instream leasing, an irrigation season of March 1 through October 31, consistent with OAR 690-250, shall be used to establish when water may be protected instream.
5. The lease application includes the information required under OAR 690-077-0076(3). The Department provided notice of the lease application pursuant to OAR 690-077-0077(1). No comments were received.
6. The instream lease application, as proposed, is a split season lease.

Under Certificate 6459, water may be used for its existing use up to a maximum rate of 0.715 CFS and no more than 42.9 AF, consistent with the water right limits identified in Findings of Fact No. 2. The existing use period (out of stream) will be May 1 through July 14, a period of 75 days.

7. The instream use is as follows:
Catherine Creek, tributary to the Grande Ronde River

Instream Reach: From the POD (as described in Finding of Fact No. 3) to the mouth of Catherine Creek

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream
6459	1872	0.36	42.9	July 15 to September 12

8. Other conditions to prevent injury and enlargement are:

The Lessor in coordination with the Lessee shall make monthly measurements of use. The Lessee and Lessor shall report the measurement's using the Split Season Measurement Reporting Form to the Watermaster's office at least once per month. The measuring device will, at minimum, be checked three times over the irrigation season on April 1, July 15 and October 30. The Lessor and Lessee shall also report beginning and ending meter readings for the full irrigation season. The Watermaster may also request to read the Lessor's meter to verify meter readings supplied by the Lessor and/or Lessee and/or request more frequent

reporting. The measuring device shall be a McCrometer flow meter and is installed at Latitude 45.17305556, Longitude -177.8025.

9. The amount and timing of the proposed instream flow is allowable within the limits and use of the original water right.
10. The protection of flows within the proposed reach is appropriate, considering:
 - a. The instream water use begins at the recorded point of diversion;
 - b. The location of confluences with other streams downstream of the point of diversion.
 - c. There are no known areas of natural loss of streamflow to the river bed downstream from the point of diversion; and
 - d. Any return flows resulting from the exercise of the existing water right would re-enter the river downstream of the reach of the instream water right.
11. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected under the existing and proposed instream rights in the reach will provide for a beneficial purpose.
12. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected instream under existing and proposed instream rights in the reach do not exceed the estimated average natural flow.
13. If approved, this instream lease is not reasonably expected to significantly affect land use as prescribed by ORS 197.180, OAR Chapter 660, Divisions 30 and 31, and OAR Chapter 690, Division 5.
14. Based upon review of the application, information provided by the Department's Watermaster, and other available information, the Department finds that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement. The order approving this instream lease may be modified or revoked under OAR 690-077-0077 if the Department later finds that the lease is causing injury to any existing water right or enlargement of the original right.
15. If a right which has been leased is later proposed to be leased again, transferred and/or reviewed under an allocation of conserved water, a new injury review shall be required. For example, instream transfers will be subject to a full and complete review to determine consistency with the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 and Division 077. Approval of this lease does not establish a precedent for approval of any future transactions.
16. The Lessors and Lessee have requested that the lease terminate on October 31, 2021. The lease may commence on the date this final order is signed.
17. The Lessors and Lessee have requested that there not be an option to terminate the lease.

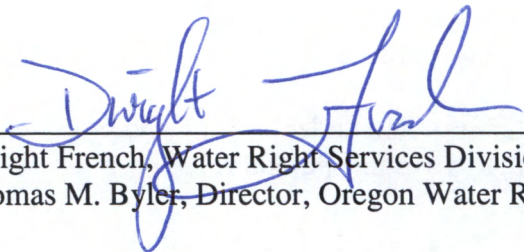
Conclusions of Law

The Department concludes that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement, OAR 690-077-0077. The lease conforms to the applicable provisions of OAR 690-077-0015.

Now, therefore it is ORDERED:

1. The Lease as described herein is APPROVED.
2. During the term of this lease, the place of use will continue to receive water (up to 42.9 AF under Certificate 6459 during the period May 1 through July 14) for irrigation. Also, during the term of this lease, the former place of use will not receive water as part of this right, any supplemental rights, or any other layered water rights for irrigation use, including groundwater registrations, for the remainder of the irrigation season.
3. The term of the lease will commence upon approval of the instream lease and terminate on October 31, 2021. The lease may not be terminated by any party to the lease prior to specified termination date.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 25 day of May, 2017.



Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byles, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

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