BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	
T-8813, Grant County)	FINAL ORDER
)	

ORS 540.505 to 540.580 establishes the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of diversion, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

Applicant

Generations Ranch, LLC 27619 Blue Heron Road John Day, Oregon 97845

Findings of Fact

- Generations Ranch, LLC, filed an application to add an additional point of diversion under Certificate 51511. The Department assigned the application number T-8813.
- 2. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate:

51511 in the name of Eva M. Belshaw

Use:

Irrigation

Priority Date: 1865

Quantity:

One-fortieth of one cubic foot per second per acre

Rate/Duty:

1/40 cfs per acre irrigated from April 1 to September 30; further limited to

1.0 acre-foot per calendar month to July 1, and 3/4 acre-foot per acre thereafter; total 5.0 acre-feet per acre for season, measured at point of

diversion.

Acres:

10.0 acres

Source:

John Day River, tributary to the Columbia River

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	1/4 1/4		Lot	DLC	Survey Coordinates
13	S	31	Е	W.M.	20	NW	SW			Enterprise Ditch

This is a final order in other than contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183,484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-080 and OAR 690-01-005 you may either petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order.

Authorized Place of Use:

Tow	nship	Rai	nge	Meridian	Sec	1/4 1/4		Lot	DLC	Acres
13	S	31	Е	W.M.	19	SE	SW			10.0

3. Application T-8813 proposes an additional point of diversion located approximately 3300 feet downstream in the source to:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	1/4 1/4		1/4 1/4		Lot	DLC	Survey Coordinates
13	S	31	Е	W.M.	19	SE	SE SW			1150 feet North and 2560 feet East of the SW Corner of Section 19.		

- 4. Notice of the application for transfer was published pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice. However, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife did request inclusion of a condition requiring installation of proper fish screens.
- 5. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right and no evidence is available that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 6. The Jack and Merilee Young Land Company originally filed the application on May 21, 2001. On January 14, 2003, the application was assigned to the Nancy N. Gillilan Trust and on September 10, 2004, the application was assigned to Generations Ranch, LLC.
- 7. A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right are present.
- 8. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 9. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

Conclusion of Law

The additional point of diversion in application T-8813 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The additional point of diversion proposed in application T-8813 is approved.
- 2. Water right certificate 51511 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not involved in this transfer.
- 3. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 51511 and any related decree.

- 4. The proposed change shall be completed on or before October 1, 2006.
- 5. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department by October 1, 2007.
- 6. The quantity of water diverted at the additional point of diversion, together with that diverted at the old point of diversion, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of diversion.
- 7. When required by the Department, the water user shall install and maintain a headgate, an in-line flow meter, weir, or other suitable device for measuring and recording the quantity of water diverted. The type and plans of the headgate and measuring device must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department.
- 8. The water user shall install and maintain a fish screen or fish by-pass device, as appropriate, at the new point of diversion. The type and plans of the screen or by-pass device must be approved by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to beginning of construction, and shall be installed under the supervision of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The water user may participate in the Department of Fish and Wildlife's cost-sharing program for installation of screening and by-pass devices in accordance with ORS 540.525.
- 9. When satisfactory proof of the completed change is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this	25丛	day of	DetoBER	, 2004.
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Phillip C. Ward
Acting Director

Mailing Date: NOV 0 5 2004