

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application) FINAL ORDER APPROVING AN
T-9668, Jackson County) ADDITIONAL POINT OF DIVERSION

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

CONNIE S. CLABORN
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Findings of Fact

1. On March 8 2004, Connie S. Claborn filed a transfer application to add an additional point of diversion under Certificate 16395. The Department assigned the application number T-9668.
2. Certificate 16395 was superseded ultimately by Certificate 81617.
3. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 81617 in the name of OTTO CANTRALL (confirmed by Rogue River (F) decree)
Use: IRRIGATION of 2 ACRES and LIVESTOCK
Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 1, 1857
Rate: 0.04 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND
Source: LITTLE APPLGATE RIVER, tributary to APPLGATE RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Survey Coordinates
39 S	3 W	WM	14	NE NE	NONE GIVEN

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION & LIVESTOCK					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
38 S	3 W	WM	33	SE SE	2

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 137-004-0080 you may either petition for judicial review or 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.

- Application T-9668 proposes to add an authorized point of diversion approximately 3.5 miles downstream:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Survey Coordinates
38 S	3 W	WM	33	SW SE	300 FEET NORTH AND 1520 FEET WEST OF SE CORNER, SECTION 33

- 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.
- 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.
- A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right are present.
- The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- The proposed change has the potential to result in a new call on junior water rights upstream of the additional point of diversion, with the exception of 1) those on the Applegate River between the additional point of diversion and the confluence with the Little Applegate River, and 2) those on the Little Applegate River. Thus, the proposed change has the potential to injure some junior water rights upstream, unless use of water from the additional point of diversion is conditioned to limit the use of water to the quantity of water lawfully available simultaneously at the original point of diversion.

Conclusions of Law


The additional point of diversion proposed in application T-9668 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580, and OAR 690-380-5000.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- The change in point of diversion proposed in application T-9668 is approved.
- Water right certificate 81617 is cancelled.
- 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 81617 and any related decree.
- The approved changes shall be completed and full beneficial use of the water shall be made on or before **October 1, 2007**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the changes and full beneficial use of the water.

5. 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 simultaneously at the original point of diversion.
6. Upon submittal of a Claim of Beneficial Use for this transfer, the current owner of the property to which this water right is appurtenant shall submit a time-limited transfer for the entire water right described in this transfer. Furthermore, said time-limited transfer shall request a temporary change in character of use from irrigation to instream use for fisheries enhancement, and the reach shall be defined from the original point of diversion to the mouth of the Little Applegate River.
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.
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 3rd day of February 2006.


FOR Phillip C. Ward, Director

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Mailing date: _____