

Water Resources Department

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BEFORE THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT www.wrd.state.or.us

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARTIAL)	
CANCELLATION OF THE WATER RIGHT)	FINAL ORDER
EVIDENCED BY WATER RIGHT)	
CERTIFICATE 13866 FOR USE OF WATER)	
FROM EAST FORK ILLINOIS RIVER FOR)	WRD Case No.: 03-13
THE PURPOSE OF MINING, JOSEPHINE)	
COUNTY, OREGON)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The subject water right, evidenced by Certificate 13866, in the name of G. W. Hales, authorizes the use of 12.95 cubic foot per second (cfs) of water from the East Fork Illinois River for the purpose of mining. The priority date is 1853. The place of use is as follows:

Tract 2		
SE 1/4		
SW 1/4		
Section 4		
NE 1/4		
SE 1/4		
Section 5		
NE 1/4		
Section 8		
NE1/4		
NW1/4		
E1/2 NE SE		
E 1/2 SE SE		
NW SE		
SW SE		
W1/2 NE SE		
W1/2 SE SE		
Section 9		
ALL		
Section 10		
NW1/4		
SW 1/4		
Section 14		
ALL		
Section 15		

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Tract 2		
SE 1/4		
NE NE		
SE NE		
Section 16		
NE NE		
SW NE		
SE NE		
NE SE		
Section 21		
SE 1/4		
NE 1/4		
Section 22		
NW1/4		
SW 1/4		
Section 23		
NW 1/4		
Section 26		
NE NE		
NW NE		
SW NE		
NW1/4		
N1/2 NW SE		
Section 27		
Township 40 South, Range 8 West, W.M.		

- 2. On October 23, 2013, Donald J. Smith and Gregory A. Walter submitted affidavits alleging non-use of a portion of the water right evidenced by Certificate 13866 from September 2003 through September 2013.
- 3. On October 23, 2013, Gordon R. Lyford submitted an affidavit alleging non-use of a portion of the water right evidenced by Certificate 13866 from June 2007 through September 2013.
- 4. The portion of Water Right Certificate 13866 proposed to be canceled for non-use of water from the East Fork Illinois River for the purpose of mining is 0.47 cubic feet per second. The mining operation is located in Tract # 2, NE1/4 SW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 10, Township 40 South, Range 8 West, W.M., Josephine County, Oregon.
- 5. On November 29, 2013, the Department issued a Notice of Proposed Partial Cancellation of Water Right.
- 6. The Notice of Proposed Partial Cancellation of Water Right was lawfully served on the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, the owner of record of certain real

property located in Tract # 2, NE1/4 SW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4, SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 10, Township 40 South, Range 8 West, W.M., Josephine County, Oregon.

- 7. The US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management did not contest the Notice of Proposed Cancellation of Water Right within the 60 day period prescribed in the Notice nor did they request a hearing.
- 8. The Department has designated its file on this matter, including the materials submitted by the Proponents, as the record in this proceeding. The Record contains evidence that persuades the Department that a portion of Water Right Certificate 13866 was not used from September 2003 through September 2013.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

- 1. A rebuttable presumption has been established that a perfected and developed water right has been forfeited due to ten consecutive years of non-use, ORS 540.610.
- 2. The presumption of forfeiture has not been rebutted, ORS 540.610.

FINAL ORDER

It is ORDERED that a portion of Water Right Certificate 13866 be cancelled, being 0.47 cubic feet per second of water from the East Fork Illinois River for the purpose of mining. The mining operation being located in Tract #2, NE1/4 SW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 10, Township 40 South, Range 8 West, W.M., Josephine County, Oregon. The priority date is 1853.

Dated this 2014.

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for

Phillip C. Ward, Director

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Appeal Rights

You are entitled to judicial review of this order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the date of service of this Order. If this Order was personally delivered to you, the date of service is the day you received the Order. If this Order was mailed to you, the date of service is the day it was mailed. Judicial review, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 536.075 and ORS 183.482 is to the Oregon Court of Appeals. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 6-day time period, you will lose your right to appeal.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on May 185, 2014 a copy of this Final Order was served by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail, postage prepaid upon the persons listed below:

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