

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

In the Matter of the Proposed Lease of            )     DETERMINATION and  
Existing Water Rights for Instream Use,         )     FINAL ORDER ON PROPOSED  
Certificates 10912, 10929, 80691, 42581,        )     INSTREAM LEASE  
3579, 27657, 42582, and 42583 Klamath         )  
County    )

ORS 537.348 establishes the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to lease an existing water right for instream purposes. OAR Chapter 690, Division 077 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating instream lease applications.

**Lessor #1**

Brush Creek, partnership  
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**Lessor #2**

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**Lessee**

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**Findings of Fact**

1. On July 2, 2007, the KBRT, Meadows Drainage District, and Brush Creek, partnership, filed an application to renew instream lease L-585, involving a portion of Certificates 10912, 10929, 80691, 42581, 3579, 27657, 42582, and 42583 to instream use.

2. The portion of the first right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 80691  
**Use:** Irrigation  
**Acres:** 169.3 acres  
**Priority Date:** 1890  
**Season of Use:** April 1 to October 1  
**Quantity:** Rate:  
April 1 to July 20 (limited to 1/50<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 3.39 CFS  
July 20 to October 1 (limited to 1/80<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 2.12 CFS  
Duty (limited to 5.0 Acre-Feet (AF)/acre): 846.5 AF

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.

**Source:** Sevenmile Creek, tributary to Agency Lake  
**Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):** Not specified by certificate  
**Authorized Place of Use:** See description provided in Attachment 5 to the original Instream Lease Application and Instream Lease Application maps (Attachments 1 and 2) filed with the Department on June 30, 2004.

3. The portion of the second right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 10912  
**Use:** Irrigation  
**Acres:** 58.7 acres  
**Priority Date:** 1886  
**Season of Use:** April 1 to October 1  
**Quantity:** Rate:  
April 1 to July 20 (limited to 1/50<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 1.17 CFS  
July 20 to October 1 (limited to 1/80<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 0.734 CFS  
Duty (limited to 5.0 AF/acre): 293.5 AF  
**Source:** Sevenmile Creek, tributary to Agency Lake  
**Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):** Not specified by certificate  
**Authorized Place of Use:** See description provided in Attachment 5 to the original Instream Lease Application and Instream Lease Application maps (Attachments 1 and 2) filed with the Department on June 30, 2004.

4. The portion of the third right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 10929  
**Use:** Irrigation, Domestic and Stock  
**Acres:** 53.6 acres  
**Priority Date:** 1891  
**Season of Use:** April 1 to October 1  
**Quantity:** Rate:  
April 1 to July 20 (limited to 1/50<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 1.07 CFS  
July 20 to October 1 (limited to 1/80<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 0.67 CFS  
Duty (limited to 5.0 AF/acre): 268.0 AF  
**Source:** Sevenmile Creek, tributary to Agency Lake  
**Authorized Points of Diversion (POD):** Not specified by certificate  
**Authorized Place of Use:** See description provided in Attachment 5 to the original Instream Lease Application and Instream Lease Application map (Attachment 2) filed with the Department on June 30, 2004.

5. The portion of the fourth right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 3579 (leasing a portion of the right)  
**Use:** Irrigation (supplemental to certificates 10912 and 80691)  
**Acres:** 26.71 acres  
**Priority Date:** May 8, 1919  
**Season of Use:** April 1 to October 1  
**Quantity:** Rate: 0.335 CFS

Duty: 133.35 AF (limited to 5.0 AF/acre by Wood River Decree)  
**Source:** Sevenmile Creek, tributary to Agency Lake  
**Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):** Not specified by certificate  
**Authorized Place of Use:** See description provided in Attachment 5 to the original Instream Lease Application and Instream Lease Application map (Attachment 2) filed with the Department on June 30, 2004.

6. The fifth right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 27657  
**Use:** Supplemental Irrigation  
**Acres:** 103.0 acres  
**Priority Date:** February 6, 1957  
**Season of Use:** May 1 to November 1 (irrigation season pursuant to the Anna Creek Decree)  
**Quantity:** Rate (limited to 1/80<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 1.29 CFS  
Duty: 309.0 AF (limited to 3.0 AF/acre by Anna Creek Decree)  
**Source:** Annie Creek Slough Drain, tributary to Seven Mile Creek  
**Authorized Points of Diversion (POD):** Not specified by certificate  
**Authorized Place of Use:** See description on certificate.

7. The portion of the sixth right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 42581  
**Use:** Irrigation  
**Acres:** 478.65 acres  
**Priority Date:** January 26, 1910  
**Season of Use:** April 1 to October 1  
**Quantity:** Rate (limited to 1/80<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 5.98 CFS  
Duty (limited to 5.0 AF/acre): 2393.25 AF  
**Source:** Wood River, tributary to Agency Lake  
**Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):**

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	Lot	Location
34	S	7.5	E	W.M.	3	3	2470 feet South and 940 feet East from the NW Corner, Section 3

**Authorized Place of Use:** See description provided in Attachment 5 to the original Instream Lease Application and Instream Lease Application map (Attachment 2) filed with the Department on June 30, 2004.

8. The portion of the seventh right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 42582 (leasing a portion of the right)  
**Use:** Irrigation  
**Acres:** 662.16 acres  
**Priority Date:** September 13, 1920  
**Season of Use:** April 1 to October 1 for Seven Mile Creek and Four Mile Creek  
May 1 to November 1 for Anna Creek Slough  
**Quantity:** Rate (limited to 1/80<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 8.3 CFS, being 1.8 CFS from Four

Mile Creek, 5.3 CFS from Seven Mile Creek and 1.2 CFS from Anna Creek Slough

Duty: 3122.48 AF, being  
 5.0 AF/acre: 720.0 AF from Four Mile Creek and 2120.0 AF from Seven Mile Creek  
 3.0 AF/acre: 282.48 AF from Anna Creek Slough

Source: Four Mile Creek, Seven Mile Creek, and Anna Creek Slough (aka Annie Creek Slough), tributaries of Agency Lake

**Authorized Points of Diversion (POD):**

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	Lot	1/4 1/4		Location
34	S	7.5	E	W.M.	18	3	NW	SW	Fourmile Cr - 2050 feet North & 30 feet East from SW Corner, Section 18
34	S	7.5	E	W.M.	6	20			Sevenmile Cr - 620 feet North & 30 feet East from SW Corner, Lot 20, Section 6
34	S	7.5	E	W.M.	5	3			Anna Creek Slough - 40 feet South & 1350 feet East from NW corner, Section 5

**Authorized Place of Use:** See description provided in Attachment 5 to the original Instream Lease Application and Instream Lease Application map (Attachment 2) filed with the Department on June 30, 2004.

9. The portion of the seventh right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 42583 (leasing a portion of the right)  
**Use:** Supplemental Irrigation (supplemental to Certificate 42582)  
**Acres:** 662.16 acres  
**Priority Date:** February 5, 1955  
**Season of Use:** April 1 to October 1 for that portion supplemental to water from Seven Mile Creek and Four Mile Creek  
 May 1 to November 1 for that portion supplemental to water from Anna Creek Slough

**Quantity:** Rate (limited to 1/50<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre): 8.59 CFS  
 Duty (limited to 5.0 Af/acre): 3310.8 AF  
 The rate described is a proportioned rate. Certificate 42583 does not allow the appropriation of the full rate per acre if all acres were being irrigated under the right. The rate at which water may be leased must then be proportioned. By first removing water that may be appropriated for primary irrigation, at a full rate of 1.548, 1/77.09<sup>th</sup> cfs/acre may be appropriated for supplemental irrigation if water were being applied to all irrigated acres allowed under this right. At this proportioned rate, 8.59 CFS may be appropriated for supplemental irrigation of 662.16 acres.

**Source:** Wood River, tributary to Agency Lake

**Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):**

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	Lot	Location	
34	S	7.5	E	W.M.	3	3	2470 feet South and 940 feet East from the NW Corner, Section 3	

**Authorized Place of Use:** See description provided in Attachment 5 to the original Instream Lease Application and Instream Lease Application map (Attachment 2) filed with the Department on June 30, 2004.

10. The lease application includes the information required under OAR 690-077-0077(3). The Department provided notice of the lease application pursuant to OAR 690-077-0077(6). No comments were received.

11. The instream use is as follows:

Sevenmile Creek

Tributary to Agency Lake in the Klamath Basin

<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Priority Date</b>	<b>Reach</b>	<b>Primary Instream Rate (cfs)</b>	<b>Supp. Instream Rate (cfs)</b>	<b>Period Protected Instream</b>
80691	1890	Loosely Culbertson Ditch POD to confluence of Seven Mile Creek with West Canal and Seven Mile Canal	3.39		May 1 – July 19
			2.12		July 20 – Sept. 30
10912	1886	Loosely Ditches to confluence of Seven Mile Creek with West Canal and Seven Mile Canal	1.17		May 1 – July 19
			0.734		July 20 – Sept. 30
10929	1891	Culbertson Ditch POD to confluence of Seven Mile Creek with West Canal and Seven Mile Canal	1.07		May 1 – July 19
			0.67		July 20 – Sept. 30
3579 (supp to certificates 10912, 10929, & 80691)	2/6/1957	POD to confluence of Seven Mile Creek with West Canal and Seven Mile Canal		0.335	May 1 – Sept. 30

Annie Creek Slough, Four Mile Creek and Sevenmile Creek  
Tributary to Agency Lake in the Klamath Basin

Certificate	Priority Date	Reach	Primary Instream Rate (cfs)	Period Protected Instream
42582	9/13/1920	Annie Creek Slough POD to mouth of Annie Creek Slough	1.2	May 1 – Oct. 31
		Four Mile Creek POD to Agency Lake	1.8	April 1 – Sept. 30
		Seven Mile Creek POD to Agency Lake	5.3	April 1 – Sept. 30

Wood River

Tributary to Agency Lake in the Klamath Basin

**Instream Reach:** From the POD (as described in Finding of Fact #2 for Certificates 42581 and 42583) to Agency Lake

Certificate	Priority Date	Primary Instream Rate (cfs)	Supp. Instream Rate (cfs)	Period Protected Instream
42581	1/26/1910	5.98		April 1 – Sept. 30
42583 (supp to certificate 42582)	2/5/1955		Supp. to Annie Cr. Slough water: 1.22 CFS	April 1 – Sept. 30
			Supp. to Four Mile and Seven Mile Creeks water: 7.37 CFS	May 1 – Oct. 31

12. Other conditions to prevent injury and enlargement are:

Certificate 3579 is supplemental to certificates 80691 and 10912. The portion of certificate 3579 being leased instream shall only be protected instream if the full rate and duty under certificates 80691 and 10912 are not available during the period for which water is being leased instream.

Certificate 27657 is supplemental to certificates 80691, 10912, and 10929. The portion of certificate 27657 being leased instream shall only be protected instream if the full rate and duty under certificates 80691, 10912, and 10929 are not available during the period for which water is being leased instream.

Certificate 42583 is supplemental to certificate 42582. The portion of certificate 42583 being leased instream shall only be protected instream if the full rate and duty under certificate 42582 are not available during the period for which water is being leased instream. A portion of certificate 42583 may also be protected instream to bring the rate and duty allowed

under the primary right, certificate 42582, up to the full rate and duty allowed, being 1/50<sup>th</sup> CFS/acre and 5.0 AF/acre.

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, comments received, information provided by the Department's Watermaster, and other available information, the Department finds that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement. This finding is made through an abbreviated review recognizing that the 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 or transferred to an instream use under ORS 537.348 and OAR 690-077-0070 or OAR 690-077-0075 a new injury review shall be required. 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 future leases or transfers.
16. The lease will terminate on October 31, 2007.

#### 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.

#### ORDER

Therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. That the Lease as described herein is APPROVED.
2. The former place of use will no longer receive water as part of these rights, any other supplemental rights, or any other layered water rights for irrigation use, including ground water registrations during the term of the lease.
3. The lease will terminate on October 31, 2007.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2007.

  
Phillip C. Ward, Director

Mailing date: AUG 07 2007