

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application)
T-9057, Lake County, Oregon)

FINAL ORDER

ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, 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

Golden Rule Farms Inc.
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Findings of Fact

1. Golden Rule Farms Inc filed an application to change the point of appropriation and place of use under Certificates 53349, 53350, and 77737. The Department assigned the application number T-9057.

2. The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:
 - Certificate:** 53349 in the name of Golden Rule Farms Inc.
 - Use:** Irrigation
 - Priority Date:** July 2, 1980
 - Quantity:** 0.2 cfs
 - Rate/Duty:** 1/80 cfs per acre, not to exceed 3 acre-feet per acre per year
 - Acres:** 16.1
 - Source:** Well in the Fort Rock Basin

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is an order in an uncontested 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 Point of Appropriation:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Location
26	S	17	E	W.M.	33	SE NW	1230' N & 1360' E of the W¼ corner, Section 33

Authorized Place of Use:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Acres
26	S	17	E	W.M.	33	NE NW	1.1
26	S	17	E	W.M.	33	SW NW	8.2
26	S	17	E	W.M.	33	SE NW	6.8

3. Application T-9057 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation approximately one-half mile west to two wells:

Well	Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Location
#1	26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SW NE	1300' N & 2640' W of the E¼ corner, Section 32
#2	26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SE NE	1242' N & 63' W of the W¼ corner, Section 33

4. Application T-9057 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Acres
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	NW NW	1.7
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SW NW	14.4

5. The second right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 53350 in the name of Golden Rule Farms Inc.
Use: Irrigation
Priority Date: July 2, 1980
Quantity: 1.58 cfs
Rate/Duty: 1/80 cfs per acre, not to exceed 3 acre-feet per acre per year
Acres: 126.7
Source: Well in the Fort Rock Basin

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Location
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SE NW	1300' N & 2640' W of the E¼ corner, Section 32

Authorized Place of Use:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Acres
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SW NE	33.8
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SE NE	33.9
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	NE NW	19.0
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SE NW	40.0

6. Application T-9057 proposes to add a point of appropriation approximately one-half mile east of the existing point of appropriation:

Well	Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Location
#2	26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SE NE	1242' N & 63' W of the W¼ corner, Section 33

7. Application T-9057 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Acres
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SW NE	26.8
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SE NE	26.8
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	NE NW	21.4
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	NW NW	25.0
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SW NW	26.7

8. The portion of the third right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 77737 in the name of Golden Rule Farms Inc.
Use: Irrigation
Priority Date: July 10, 1973
Quantity: 0.231 cfs
Rate/Duty: 1/80 cfs per acre, not to exceed 3 acre-feet per acre per year
Acres: 18.5
Source: Well in the Fort Rock Basin

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Township	Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Location
28	S	16	E	W.M.	2	SE SE 160' N & 60' W of the SE corner, Section 2

Authorized Place of Use:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Acres
28	S	16	E	W.M.	2	SW SE	18.5

9. Application T-9057 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation to two wells approximately seven miles from the existing point of appropriation:

Well	Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Location
#1	26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SW NE	1300' N & 2640' W of the E¼ corner, Section 32
#2	26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SE NE	1242' N & 63' W of the W¼ corner, Section 33

10. Application T-9057 proposes to change the place of use to:

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Acres
26	S	17	E	W.M.	32	SW NW	18.5

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right is present.
14. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
15. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

Conclusions of Law

The changes in point of appropriation and place of use proposed in application T-9057 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580, and OAR 690-380-5000.


Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

The changes proposed in T-9057 are approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. The right to 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 Certificates 53349, 53350, and 77737 and any related decree.
2. Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.
3. The proposed change shall be completed on or before October 1, 2005.
4. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department by October 1, 2006.

5. The quantity of water diverted at the additional point of appropriation, together with that diverted at the original point of appropriation, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation.
6. Prior to diverting water at the new point of appropriation, the water user shall install and maintain an in-line flow meter or other suitable device for measuring and recording the quantity of water appropriated. The type and plans of the measuring device must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department.
7. Certificates 53349, 53350, and 77737 are cancelled; Certificate 80660 shall be issued to confirm the remaining rights from Certificate 77737.
8. When satisfactory proof of the completed change is received, a new certificate confirming the transferred water rights shall be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 16th day of JUNE, 2004.



for Phillip C. Ward, Acting Director