

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application) FINAL ORDER APPROVING A CHANGE IN
T-13486, Umatilla County) POINT OF DIVERSION

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 540.505 to 540.580 establish 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. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implement the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

Applicant

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Findings of Fact

1. On July 13, 2020, HOMER W PETERSON ESTATE, C/O JENSON AND SPRATLING, LLP filed an application to change the point of diversion under Certificate 87012. The Department assigned the application number T-13486.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on July 21, 2020, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On June 7, 2021, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-13486 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of July 9, 2021, for the applicant to respond. The applicant requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer.

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, you may 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.

4. On October 12, 2021, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer T-13486 and mailed a copy to the applicant. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published on the Department's weekly notice on October 19, 2021, and in the East Oregonian newspaper on October 14 and 21, 2021, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4020. No protests were filed in response to the notice.
5. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 87012 in the name of J. A. GUDERIAN (confirmed by UMATILLA RIVER Decree)
Use: IRRIGATION of 31.0 ACRES, DOMESTIC, and STOCK USES
Priority Date: 1873 for 5.3 ACRES, 1889 for 5.3 ACRES, and 1900 for 20.4 ACRES
Rate: 0.39 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND
Source: BIRCH CREEK, a tributary of the UMATILLA RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
1 N	32 E	WM	22	NW SE	AUTH POD - 700 FEET SOUTH AND 1800 FEET WEST FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 22

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
1 N	32 E	WM	10	SW SW	18.0
1 N	32 E	WM	10	SE SW	0.5
1 N	32 E	WM	15	NE NW	12.0
1 N	32 E	WM	15	NW NW	0.5
Total					31.0

DOMESTIC and STOCK USES				
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
1 N	32 E	WM	10	SW SW
1 N	32 E	WM	10	SE SW
1 N	32 E	WM	15	NE NW
1 N	32 E	WM	15	NW NW

6. Transfer Application T-13486 proposes to move the authorized point of diversion approximately 1.9 miles downstream to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
1 N	32 E	WM	10	SW SW	NEW POD - 40 FEET NORTH AND 1200 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 10

7. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has determined that a fish screening and/or by-pass device is necessary at the new point of diversion to prevent fish from entering the diversion and/or safely transport fish back to the body of water from which the fish were diverted and that the diversion is not currently equipped with an appropriate fish screening and/or by-pass device. This diversion may be eligible for screening cost share funds.

Transfer Review Criteria [OAR 690-380-4010(2)]

8. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
9. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-13486.
10. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
11. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
12. All other application requirements are met.

Conclusions of Law

The change in point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-13486 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The change in point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-13486 is approved.
2. 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 87012 and any related decree.
3. Water right Certificate 87012 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
4. The quantity of water diverted at the new point of diversion (New POD), shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of diversion (Auth POD).

5. Water use measurement conditions:
 - a. Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device, at each new point of diversion, with the exception that water rights issued to the Bureau of Reclamation or an irrigation district (or similar entity) are not subject to this condition.
 - b. The water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order.
 - c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meters or measuring devices are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
6. Prior to diverting water, the water user shall install a fish screening and/or by-pass device, as appropriate, at the new point of diversion consistent with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) design and construction standards. Prior to installation, the water user shall obtain written approval from ODFW that the required screen and/or by-pass device meets ODFW's criteria. Prior to submitting a Claim of Beneficial Use, the water user must obtain written approval from ODFW that the required screening and/or by-pass device was installed to the state's criteria. The water user shall maintain and operate the fish screen and/or by-pass device, as appropriate, at the point of diversion consistent with ODFW's operational and maintenance standards.
7. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2023**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.
8. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on



JAN 25 2022

Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for
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Mailing date: **JAN 26 2022**