

In the Matter of Instream Lease Application)
IL-659, Douglas County)
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Oregon Revised Statute (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. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 077 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating instream lease applications.

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1. November 13, 2017, Carol Hamlin filed an application to renew instream lease IL-659, involving the entirety of Certificate 80484 for instream use. The Department assigned the application number IL-659.
2. The right to be leased is as follows:

Certificate:	80484 in the name of Carol Hamlin (perfected under a portion of permit S-53080)
Use:	Irrigation of 49.58 acres
Priority Date:	September 25, 1991
Quantity:	Rate: 0.62 Cubic Foot per Second (CFS) Volume: 123.95 Acre-Feet (AF) Limit: One-eightieth CFS per acre, not to exceed 2.5 AF per acre per year

Source: North Umpqua River, a tributary to the Umpqua River

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
26 S	5 W	WM	14	SE NW	6	POD #1 – 550 FEET NORTH AND 1640 FEET EAST FROM THE W1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 14
26 S	5 W	WM	14	SW SW	8	POD #2 – 160 FEET NORTH AND 540 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 14

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.

Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
26 S	5 W	WM	14	NE NW	5	4.48
26 S	5 W	WM	14	NW NW		0.51
26 S	5 W	WM	14	SW NW	6	11.68
26 S	5 W	WM	14	SE NW	6	3.82
26 S	5 W	WM	14	NW SW	7	14.99
26 S	5 W	WM	14	SW SW	8	7.05
26 S	5 W	WM	15	SE SE		2.06
26 S	5 W	WM	22	NE NE		3.23
26 S	5 W	WM	23	NW NW		1.76
Total Acres						49.58

3. Certificate 80484 does not specify the irrigation season; For the purposes of instream leasing, an irrigation season of March 1 through October 31, consistent with OAR 690-250, shall be used to establish when water may be protected instream.
4. The lease application includes the information required under OAR 690-077-0076(3). The Department provided notice of the lease application pursuant to OAR 690-077-0077(1). No comments were received.
5. The instream use is as follows:
North Umpqua River, tributary to the Umpqua River

Instream Reach: From the POD #2 (as described in Finding of Fact No. 2) to mouth of the North Umpqua River

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream
80484	9/25/1991	0.62	123.95	July 23 through October 31

6. The amount and timing of the proposed instream flow is allowable within the limits and use of the original water right.
7. The protection of flows within the proposed reach is appropriate, considering:
 - a. The instream water use begins at the recorded point of diversion;
 - b. The location of confluences with other streams downstream of the point of diversion.
 - c. There are no known areas of natural loss of streamflow to the river bed downstream from the point of diversion; and
 - d. Any return flows resulting from the exercise of the existing water right would re-enter the river downstream of the reach of the instream water right.
8. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected under the existing and proposed instream rights in the reach will provide for a beneficial purpose.

9. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected instream under existing and proposed instream rights in the reach do not exceed the estimated average natural flow.
10. The instream right established by this instream lease shall be in addition to instream water rights established pursuant to ORS 537.3451, 537.346, 537.348 or 537.470, unless otherwise specified by a subsequent order establishing a new instream water right.
11. 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.
12. Based upon review of the application, information provided by the Department's Watermaster, and other available information, the Department finds that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement. The order approving this instream 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.
13. If a right which has been leased is later proposed to be leased again, transferred and/or reviewed under an allocation of conserved water, a new injury review shall be required. For example, instream 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 any future transactions.
14. The Lessor has requested that the lease terminate on October 31, 2022. The lease has been submitted prior to the first day of the irrigation season. The lease may commence on March 1, 2018, being the first day of the irrigation season.
15. The Lessor has requested the option of terminating the lease early with written notice to the Department.

Conclusions of Law

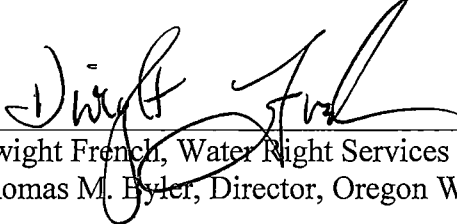
The Department concludes that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement, OAR 690-077-0077. The lease conforms to the applicable provisions of OAR 690-077-0015.

Now, therefore it is ORDERED:

1. The Lease as described herein is APPROVED.
2. During each year of the term of the lease, the former place of use will no longer receive water as part of these rights, any supplemental rights, or any other layered irrigation water rights, including ground water registrations and permits.

3. The term of the lease will commence on March 1, 2018 and terminate on October 31, 2018. For multiyear leases, the lessor shall have the option of terminating the lease each year with written notice to the Department. The lease may be terminated at any time during the calendar year. However, if the termination request is received less than 30-days prior to the period of allowed instream use (July 23 through October 31) or after the period of allowed use has begun for the water right being leased, water shall not be used under the right leased until the following calendar year, unless the Director determines that enlargement would not occur.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 12th day of January, 2018.


Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

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