

BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR OF OREGON

MARION COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY )  
WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST )  
FOR MODIFICATION OF THE COMPLIANCE ) ORDER  
SCHEDULE IN ITS TIME EXTENSION TO )  
COMPLY WITH THE WATER USE REPORTING )  
ACCURACY REQUIREMENT )

BACKGROUND

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (Forest) is required by ORS 537.099 to report annual water use. Pursuant to OAR 690-85-010(3), water use is to be reported within an accuracy of plus or minus 15 percent. Under the authority of OAR 690-85-010(5), the Water Resources Director granted a time extension on May 4, 1994 until October, 1997 for compliance with the accuracy standard for reporting for Permit S-48828 and Certificates 35042 and 41478.

On February 10, 1998, the Forest requested a modification of the compliance schedule to extend the time allowed to come into compliance until October, 2002. The Water Resources Director is authorized by OAR 690-85-010(5)(d) to modify the terms of a compliance schedule.

FINDINGS

The Forest has met the conditions of the order approving a time extension approved in 1994 by submitting annual reports in compliance with OAR 690-85-010(4)(b) and annual progress reports on the compliance schedule. The Forest has had insufficient budgets to complete the installation of water use reporting equipment at these sites and therefore demonstrates the need for additional time to come into compliance with the Water Use Reporting Rules.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that the Wallow-Whitman National Forest request for modification of the compliance schedule to extend the time allowed to complete necessary measures to come into compliance until October, 2002, is APPROVED.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Forest will submit annual water use reports in compliance with OAR 690-85-010(4) and annual progress reports for Permit S-48828 and Certificates 35042 and 41478.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Forest will obtain approval from the Water Resources Department of the 'Irrigation and Water Use Reporting Guidelines' the Forest develops for each site.

Dated 4/2/99

  
Martha O. Pagel, Director