

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

In the Matter of Instream Lease Application) DETERMINATION and
IL-1493, Klamath County) FINAL ORDER ON PROPOSED
) INSTREAM LEASE

Authority

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.

Lessor

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Findings of Fact

1. On June 3, 2015, Lorinda Willard and the Upper Klamath Landowner Improvement District filed an application to lease the entirety of Certificates 85957 and 85958 for instream use. The Department assigned the application number IL-1493.

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

Certificate: 85957 in the name of Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA and Lorinda Myers (perfected under Permit S-46670)
Use: Irrigation of 86.8 acres
Priority Date: June 1, 1982
Quantity: **Rate:** 2.17 Cubic Foot per Second (CFS)
Volume: 260.4 Acre-Feet (AF)
Limit: One-fortieth CFS per acre, not to exceed 3.0 AF per acre per year
Source: Sprague River, tributary to the Williamson River

Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
35 S	10 E	WM	33	NE SW	1330 FEET NORTH AND 2260 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OR SECTION 33

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	Acres
35 S	10 E	WM	33	NE NE	18.0
35 S	10 E	WM	33	NW NE	0.8
35 S	10 E	WM	33	SE NE	30.4
35 S	10 E	WM	33	NE SE	1.1
35 S	10 E	WM	34	SW NW	4.0
35 S	10 E	WM	34	NE SW	2.1
35 S	10 E	WM	34	NW SW	24.0
35 S	10 E	WM	34	SW SW	4.8
35 S	10 E	WM	34	SE SW	1.6
Total					86.8

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

Certificate: 85958 in the name of Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA and Lorinda Myers (perfected under Permit S-47604)

Use: Irrigation of 71.0 acres

Priority Date: April 6, 1983

Quantity: **Rate:** 1.78 Cubic Foot per Second (CFS)

Volume: 213.0 Acre-Feet (AF)

Limit: One-fortieth CFS per acre, not to exceed 3.0 AF per acre per year

Source: Sprague River, tributary to the Williamson River

Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
35 S	10 E	WM	33	NE SW	1330 FEET NORTH AND 2260 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OR SECTION 33

Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
35 S	10 E	WM	33	SW NE	4.0
35 S	10 E	WM	33	SE NE	0.8
35 S	10 E	WM	33	SE NW	13.2
35 S	10 E	WM	33	NE SW	13.4
35 S	10 E	WM	33	NE SE	9.2
35 S	10 E	WM	33	NW SE	28.4
35 S	10 E	WM	33	SW SE	2.0
Total					71.0

4. Certificates 85957 and 85958 do not specify the irrigation season. However, the recent Order of Determination for the Klamath Basin Adjudication identifies the irrigation season for the area of the place of use as April 1 through October 31.

5. 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.

6. The instream use is as follows:
Sprague River, tributary to the Williamson River

Instream Reach: From the POD (as described in Finding of Fact No. 2) to the confluence with the Williamson River

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream
85957	6/1/1982	0.717	260.4	April 1 through October 1
85958	4/6/1983	0.587	213.0	

7. The amount and timing of the proposed instream flow is allowable within the limits and use of the original water right.
8. The protection of flows within the proposed reach is appropriate, considering:
- The instream water use begins at the recorded point of diversion;
 - The location of confluences with other streams downstream of the point of diversion.
 - There are no known areas of natural loss of streamflow to the river bed downstream from the point of diversion; and
 - 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
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 and Lessee have requested that the lease terminate on October 31, 2015. The lease may commence on the date this final order is signed.
15. The Lessor and Lessee have requested the option of terminating the lease early but only with consent of all parties to the lease.

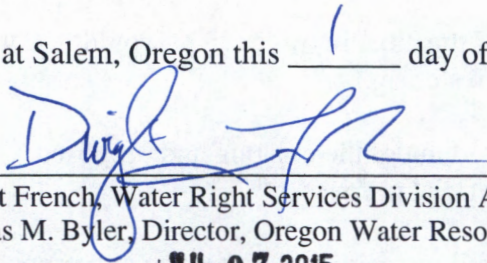
Conclusions of Law

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 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 upon approval of the instream lease and terminate on October 31, 2015.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 1 day of July, 2015.



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

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