# OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING
T-13750, Wallowa County	)	A TEMPORARY CHANGE
	)	IN PLACE OF USE

## Authority

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to temporarily transfer the place of use and, if necessary to convey the water to the temporary place of use, the point of diversion authorized under an existing water right.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

# Applicant

KENDRICK AND LESLIE MOHOLT 67075 LOSTINE RIVER LOSTINE, OR 97857

# **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On June 28, 2021, KENDRICK AND LESLIE MOHOLT filed an application to temporarily change the place of use under Certificate 65591 for a period of 5 years. The Department assigned the application number T-13750.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on July 13, 2021, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. The right to be temporarily transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 65591 in the name of SYLVANUS J. AND ALETA M. NEAL (perfected under

Permit S-46000)

Use: IRRIGATION of 24.4 ACRES

Priority Date: MAY 21, 1981

Rate: 0.61 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

This is a final order in other than a 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 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.

Limit/Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 3.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of

each year.

Source:

LOSTINE RIVER tributary of WALLOWA RIVER

#### **Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances			
15	43 E	WM	27	NE NW	SHEEP RIDGE DITCH- 1200 FEET SOUTH AND 120 FEET WEST FROM THE N1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 27			

#### Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
15	43 E	WM	23	NE NW	18.0
15	43 E	WM	23	NW NW	6.4

4. Temporary Transfer Application T-13750 proposes to temporarily change the place of use of the right to:

		IRRIGAIT	ON		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
15	43 E	WM	14	NE SW	17.0
15	43 E	WM	14	NW SE	7.4
				Total:	24.4

5. Temporary Transfer Application T-13750 proposes to temporarily transfer a water right within the boundaries of Sheep Ridge Ditch Company. The Company was notified of the proposed temporary transfer and indicated that they did not object to the transfer.

## Temporary Transfer Review Criteria

- Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no evidence available that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 7. A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right are present.
- 8. The proposed change would prevent the lands from which the water right is removed during the period of the temporary transfer from receiving water under the transferred right, as required by ORS 540.523(7).

9. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights. This finding is made through an abbreviated review recognizing that the transfer may be revoked under ORS 540.523(5) if the Department later finds that the transfer is causing injury to any existing water right.

#### Conclusions of Law

The temporary change in place of use proposed in Temporary Transfer Application T-13750 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.523 and OAR 690-380-8000.

## Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- The temporary change in place of use proposed in Temporary Transfer Application T-13750 is approved.
- 2. The former place of use **shall not** be irrigated as part of this water right during the 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 irrigation seasons.
- 3. The use shall revert to the authorized place of use at the end of the 2025 irrigation season.
- 4. The approval of this temporary transfer may be revoked or modified if the Department finds the change causes injury to any existing water right.
- 5. A subsequent application for permanent transfer of Certificate 65591 shall be subject to a full and complete review to determine consistency with the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 380. Approval of this temporary transfer does not establish a precedent for approval of a subsequent application filed for a permanent transfer.
- 6. The use of water at the temporary place of use authorized by this transfer shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Certificate 65591.
- 7. The time during which water is used under this approved temporary transfer does not apply toward a finding of forfeiture under ORS 540.610.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

SEP 0 7 2021

Lisa J. Varamillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for

THOMAS M BYLER, DIRECTOR

Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing Date:

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