# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING
T-11405, Lake County	)	CHANGES IN POINTS OF
	)	APPROPRIATION AND PLACES OF
	)	USE

## Authority

ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

## **Applicant**

COUGAR MOUNTAIN CATTLE COMPANY 4132 ALTAMONT DRIVE KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97603

## **Findings of Fact**

#### Background

- 1. On April 18, 2012, Cougar Mountain Cattle Company filed an application to change the points of appropriation and to change the place of use under Certificates 67902 and 80753. The Department assigned the application number T-11405.
- 2. On July 3, 2012, the applicant submitted an amended application, clarifying the place of use proposed to be transferred along with a corrected map.
- 3. On August 9, 2012, the applicant submitted documentation authorizing Joseph Mountain to act on behalf of Cougar Mountain Cattle Company. Mr. Mountain signed and dated the transfer application and signed a notarized affidavit consenting to the transfer.
- 4. The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 67902 in the name of ZANE D. CHURCH (perfected under Permit G-8100)

Use: IRRIGATION of 44.9 ACRES

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1978

**Rate:** 0.56 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

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.

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-EIGHTIETH 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

3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of

each year.

Source:

A WELL within the FORT ROCK BASIN

## **Authorized Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	
28 S	16 E	WM	21	SE NW	WELL 4 (LAKE 1411) - 1990 FEET SOUTH AND 3280 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 21	

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

	IRRIGATION											
Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q Acres												
28 S	28 S 16 E WM 21 N											
28 S	28 S 16 E WM 21				29.5							
28 S	28 S 16 E WM 21 SE NW											
	TOTAL 44.9											

5. Transfer Application T-11405 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation approximately 3.3 miles from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	
27 S	16 E	WM	35	SE SE	WELL 7 (LAKE 50966) - 1320 FEET NORTH AND 1310 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 35	

6. Transfer Application T-11405 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

	IRRIGATION										
Twp	Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q Acres										
27 S	16 E	NW SE	13.5								
27 S	27 S 16 E WM 35 SW SE 31.4										
	TOTAL 44.9										

7. The portion of the second right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 80753 in the name of ZANE D. CHURCH (perfected under Permit G-7170)

Use: IRRIGATION of 354.7 ACRES

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 11, 1977

4.44 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS), being 2.57 CFS from WELL 1,

0.22 CFS from WELL 2, and 1.65 CFS from WELL 3

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

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

Rate:

3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Sources:

THREE WELLS within the FORT ROCK BASIN

# **Authorized Points of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
28 S	16 E	WM	16	NW NE	WELL 1 (LAKE 1400) - 1290 FEET SOUTH AND 1330 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER OF SECTION 16
28 S	16 E	WM	16	NE SE	WELL 2 (LAKE 1403) - 1350 FEET NORTH AND 1190 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 16
28 S	16 E	WM	16	SE SW	WELL 3 (LAKE 1402) - 1300 FEET NORTH AND 3840 FEET WEST FROM SE CORNER OF SECTION 16

## **Authorized Place of Use:**

	IRRIGATION											
	WELL 1											
Twp	Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q A											
28 S	16 E	16	NE NE	7.9								
28 S	16 E	WM	16	NW NE	39.4							
28 S	16 E	WM	16	SW NE	40.0							
28 S	16 E	WM	16	SE NE	39.4							
28 S	16 E	WM	16	NE NW	39.4							
28 S	28 S 16 E WM 16 SE NW											
	TOTAL											

	IRRIGATION										
	WELL 2										
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres						
28 S	28 S 16 E WM 16 NE SE										
28 S	16 E	WM	16	NW SE	4.1						
28 S	16 E	WM	16	SW SE	4.3						
28 S	28 S 16 E WM 16 SE SE 4.4										
	_			TOTAL	16.6						

	IRRIGATION										
WELL 3											
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres						
28 S	16 E	WM	16	NE SW	36.6						
28 S	16 E	WM	16	NW SW	24.8						
28 S	16 E	WM	16	SW SW	32.6						
28 S	16 E	WM	16	SE SW	37.6						
28 S	16 E	WM	16	NW SE	0.2						
28 S	16 E	SW SE	0.2								
				TOTAL	132.0						

8. Transfer Application T-11405 proposes to move the authorized points of appropriation approximately 5.5 miles from the existing points of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances			
27 S	16 E	WM	25	NE SE	WELL 5 (LAKE 51631) - 800 FEET SOUTH AND 10 FEET WEST FROM THE E¼ CORNER OF SECTION 25			
27 S	16 E	WM	25	SW SW	WELL 6 (LAKE 50469) - 1320 FEET NORTH AND 1310 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 25			
27 S	16 E	WM	35	SE SE	WELL 7 (LAKE 50966) - 1320 FEET NORTH AND 1310 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 35			

9. Transfer Application T-11405 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

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	IRRIGATION												
	WELL 5												
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres							
27 S	16 E	WM	25	NE SE		31.4							
27 S	16 E	WM	25	NW SE		11.0							
27 S	16 E	WM	25	SW SE		11.0							
27 S	16 E	WM	25	SE SE		31.4							
27 S	17 E	WM	30	NE SW		23.7							
27 S	17 E	WM	30	NW SW	3	23.7							
27 S	17 E	WM	30	SW SW	4	23.8							
27 S	17 E	WM	30	SE SW		23.8							
					TOTAL	179.8							

	IRRIGATION												
	WELL 6												
Twp	Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q GLot Acre												
27 S	16 E	WM	25	NE SW		31.4							
27 S	16 E	WM	25	NW SW		31.4							
27 S	27 S 16 E WM 25 SW SW												
					TOTAL	94.2							

IRRIGATION						
WELL 7						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
27 S	16 E	WM	35	NE SE		31.4
27 S	16 E	WM	35	NW SE		17.9
27 S	16 E	WM	35	SE SE	,	31.4
TOTAL						80.7

- 10. Notice of the application for transfer was published on April 24, 2012, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 11. On July 5, 2012, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11405 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of August 6, 2012, 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.
- 12. On August 10, 2012, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11405 and sent a copy to the applicant. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published on the Department's weekly notice on August 21, 2012, and in the Lake County Examiner on August 22 and 29, 2012, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4020. No protests were filed in response to the notices.

### Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 13. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the rights. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 14. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing rights were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-11405.
- 15. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the rights.
- 16. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

#### Conclusions of Law

The changes in points of appropriation and places of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11405 are consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

## Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The change in points of appropriation and change in places of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11405 are approved.
- 2. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the places of use described, and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificates 67902 and 80753 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right certificates 67902 and 80753 are cancelled. New certificates will be issued describing those portions of the rights not affected by this transfer.
- 4. The quantity of water diverted at the new points of appropriation shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original points of appropriation.

- 5. Water use measurement conditions:
  - a. Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install totalizing flow meters, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device, at each point of appropriation.
  - 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. Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original points of appropriation.
- 7. The former places of use of the transferred rights shall no longer receive water under the rights.
- 8. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2014**. 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 changes and full beneficial use of the water.
- 9. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 3 day of October, 2012.

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for

PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

Mailing date: **OCT 1 2 2012**