OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Instream Lease IL-1856)	FINAL ORDER TERMINATING
Wasco County)	INSTREAM LEASE

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

Brian Casady
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Findings of Fact

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- 1. On April 20, 2021, Brian Casady filed an application to lease the entirety of Certificate 50318 and a portion of Certificate 65847 for instream use. The Department assigned the application number IL-1856.
- 2. The lease application requested to protect water instream for five years, terminating on October 31, 2025. A Final Order approving this lease was issued by the Department on June 16, 2021, as evidenced by Special Order Volume 120, Page 873.
- 3. The final order contained a condition allowing the Lessor and the Lessee to terminate the lease in any year of the lease, prior to the lease being exercised that season, with written notification to the Department.
- 4. On March 29, 2022, the Department received a request from Brian Casady to terminate the lease and mitigation credit project prior to the 2022 instream use period.
- 3. The lease was exercised during the 2021 water use period ending on October 31, 2022.

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.

Conclusions of Law

The Department concludes that terminating the lease in advance of the 2022 instream use period is consistent with OAR 690-077.

Now, therefore it is ORDERED:

The Instream Lease described herein is TERMINATED and no longer in effect.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this day APR 0 4 2022

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

Thomas M. Byler, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: APR 0.5 2022

This document was prepared by Sarah Henderson. If you have any questions, please call 503-979-9872.