

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

In the Matter of Application for Extension) FINAL ORDER APPROVING AN
of Time for Transfer of Water Right) EXTENSION OF TIME
T-7690, Crook County, Oregon)

Applicant

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Findings of Fact

1. The Water Resources Department issued an order approving Transfer Application T-7690 in the name of Fayne and Jessie Ritch, on September 29, 1998. The order was recorded in Special Order Volume 52, at Page 847. The order set a transfer completion date of October 1, 1999.
2. The Water Resources Department issued an assignment from Fayne and Jessie Ritch, to Gary Young, Blue Mountain Ranch, on December 13, 2006.
3. On March 24, 2009, the Department received an application for extension of time for transfer of water right T-7690 from Gary Young.
4. The previous applicant had filed a claim of beneficial use and prematurely applied water with the misunderstanding that fish screens were not required. The current applicant is now finishing evaluations of the diversion point and potential change in place of use, and working with the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department on selecting and designing the fish screens.
5. Completion of the change was not accomplished within the time prescribed on the order. An extension of the time to complete the project is necessary for the applicant to fully comply with the terms of the order approving the transfer.

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.

6. The applicant has requested that the time for completion of beneficial use be extended to October 1, 2013.

Conclusions of Law

Pursuant to OAR 690-380-6020, the Director of the Water Resources Department concludes the applicant has shown reasonable diligence to complete the transfer within the time period established by the order approving Transfer Application T-7690.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

The time for completion of beneficial use authorized by T-7690 shall be extended to October 1, 2013.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 19th day of May, 2009



PCW
Phillip C. Ward, Director

Mailing date: MAY 20 2009