

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

In the Matter of Instream Lease Application) DETERMINATION and
IL -137, Polk 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

John A. Heffley Credit Shelter Trust of June 23, 2011
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Findings of Fact

1. On January 20, 2018, the John A. Heffley Credit Shelter Trust of June 23, 2011 filed an application to renew instream lease IL-137, involving the entirety of Certificates 23604 and 37348 for instream use.

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

Certificate: 23064 in the name of JOHN C. OR DOROTHY E. HEFFLEY (perfected under S-21176)

Use: Irrigation of 30.0 acres

Priority Date: March 13, 1952

Quantity: **Rate:** 0.38 Cubic Foot per Second (CFS)

Limit: One-eightieth CFS per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 2.5 AF per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year

Source: LUCKIAMUTE RIVER, tributary of WILLAMETTE RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC
9S	5W	WM	24	NW NE	42

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
9S	5W	WM	24	NW NE	0.3
9S	5W	WM	24	SW NE	17.9
9S	5W	WM	24	NE NW	2.5
9S	5W	WM	24	SE NW	9.3
Total Acres					30.0

3. Certificate 23064 does not specify the irrigation season. However, the Luckiamute River Decree establishes the irrigation season for the area as April 1 – September 30.

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

Certificate: 37348 in the name of JOHN C. OR DOROTHY E. HEFFLEY (perfected under S-30682)

Use: Irrigation of 68.5 acres

Priority Date: July 28, 1965

Quantity: **Rate:** 0.86 Cubic Foot per Second (CFS)

Limit: One-eightieth CFS per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 2.5 AF per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year

Source: LUCKIAMUTE RIVER, tributary of WILLAMETTE RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Measured Distances
9S	5W	WM	24	NW NE	63	1350 FEET NORTH AND 900 FEET EAST FROM NE CORNER, STUMP DLC 63

Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
9S	5W	WM	24	SW NE	14.5
9S	5W	WM	24	SE NW	6.5
9S	5W	WM	24	NE SW	15.4
9S	5W	WM	24	NW SE	32.1
Total Acres					68.5

5. Certificate 37348 does not specify the irrigation season. However, the Luckiamute River Decree establishes the irrigation season for the area as April 1 – September 30.

6. 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.

7. The instream use has been modified from the lease application to prevent injury and enlargement and is as follows:

Luckiamute River, tributary to Willamette River

Instream Reach #1: From the POD (as described in Finding of Fact No. 1) to the mouth of the Luckiamute River

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream
23064	March 13, 1952	0.378	75.0	June 23 – September 30

Instream Reach #2: From the POD (as described in Finding of Fact No. 2) to the mouth of the Luckiamute River

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream
37348	July 28, 1965	0.856	171.79	June 23 – September 30

8. The amount and timing of the proposed instream flow is allowable within the limits and use of the original water rights.
9. The protection of flows within the proposed reach is appropriate, considering:
 - a. The instream water use begins at the recorded point of diversion;
 - b. The location of confluences with other streams downstream of the point of diversion.
 - c. There are no known areas of natural loss of streamflow to the river bed downstream from the point of diversion; and
 - d. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.

15. The Lessor has requested that the lease terminate on September 30, 2022. The lease has been submitted prior to the first day of the irrigation season. The lease may commence on April 1, 2018, being the first day of the irrigation season.
16. The Lessor has requested the option of terminating the lease early with written notice to the Department.

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 each year of 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 on April 1, 2018 and terminate on September 30, 2022. For multiyear leases, the Lessor *shall* have the option of terminating the lease any time each year with written notice to the Department. However, if the termination request is received less than 30-days prior to the instream use period (June 23 – September 30) or after the water rights' original period of allowed use has begun, the Department may issue an order terminating the lease but use of water may not be allowed until the following calendar year, unless the Director determines that enlargement would not occur.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this day March 13, 2018.



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

Mailing date: MAR 13 2018

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