

STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF UMATILLA

PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

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The specific limits for the use are listed below along with conditions of use.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-13800

SOURCE OF WATER: A WELL IN BIRCH CREEK BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: IRRIGATION OF 293.4 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 6.6 ACRES

RATE OF USE: 3.75 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

PERIOD OF ALLOWED USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: AUGUST 29, 1994

POINT OF DIVERSION LOCATION: SW 1/4 NW 1/4, SECTION 28, T1S, R32E, W.M.; 595 FEET NORTH AND 330 FEET EAST FROM THE W 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 28

The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, 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) and 3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u>
NW 1/4 NW 1/4	3.2 ACRES	
SW 1/4 NW 1/4	5.4 ACRES	4.7 ACRES
NW 1/4 SW 1/4	18.4 ACRES	1.1 ACRES
SW 1/4 SW 1/4	22.3 ACRES	
SECTION 28		
NE 1/4 NE 1/4	39.6 ACRES	
NW 1/4 NE 1/4	19.1 ACRES	
SW 1/4 NE 1/4	33.1 ACRES	
SE 1/4 NE 1/4	27.9 ACRES	0.2 ACRE
NE 1/4 NW 1/4	4.4 ACRES	

SE 1/4 NW 1/4	31.5 ACRES	
NE 1/4 SW 1/4	30.8 ACRES	
NE 1/4 SE 1/4	12.3 ACRES	0.6 ACRE
NW 1/4 SE 1/4	21.7 ACRES	
SE 1/4 SE 1/4	23.7 ACRES	

SECTION 29

TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, W.M.

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order, shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month and shall submit a report which includes the recorded water use measurements to the Department annually or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the permittee to report general water use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
- B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

If substantial interference with a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from any well listed on this permit, then use of water from the well(s) shall be discontinued or reduced and/or the schedule of withdrawal shall be regulated until or unless the Department approves or implements an alternative administrative action to mitigate the interference. The Department encourages junior and senior appropriators to jointly develop plans to mitigate interferences.

To monitor the effect of water use from the well(s) authorized under this permit, the Department requires the water user to make and report annual static water level measurements. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

Measurements must be made according to the following schedule:

Before Use of Water Takes PlaceInitial and Annual Measurements

The Department requires the permittee to submit an initial water level measurement in the month specified above once well construction is complete and annually thereafter until use of water begins; and

After Use of Water has Begun
Seven Consecutive Annual Measurements

Following the first year of water use, the user shall submit seven consecutive annual reports of static water level measurements. The first of these seven annual measurements will establish the reference level against which future annual measurements will be compared. Based on an analysis of the data collected, the Director may require that the user obtain and report additional annual static water level measurements beyond the seven year minimum reporting period. The additional measurements may be required in a different month. If the measurement requirement is stopped, the Director may restart it at any time.

All measurements shall be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board and be submitted to the Department on forms provided by the Department. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- (A) Identify each well with its associated measurement; and
- (B) Measure and report water levels to the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- (C) Specify the method used to obtain each well measurement; and
- (D) Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations submitted to the Department.

The water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s) if annual water level measurements reveal any of the following events:

- (A) An average water level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- (B) A water level decline of 15 or more feet in fewer than five consecutive years; or
- (C) A water level decline of 25 or more feet; or
- (D) Hydraulic interference leading to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority.

The period of non or restricted use shall continue until the annual water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or until the Department determines, based on the permittee's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or senior water rights. The water user shall in no instance allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit. If more than one well is involved, the water user may submit an alternative measurement and reporting plan for review and approval by the Department.

