

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF HARNEY

PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

SILVER CREEK RANCHES OF OREGON LLC  
70223 BEST LANE  
RILEY, OR 97758

(541)493-2171

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-16271

SOURCE OF WATER: A WELL IN CHICKAHOMINY CREEK BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: IRRIGATION USE ON 130.0 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 1.63 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: JUNE 23, 2004

WELL LOCATION: NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SECTION 10, T23S, R25E, W.M.; 1290 FEET SOUTH  
& 1330 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 10

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

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  31.2 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  30.8 ACRES  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  32.4 ACRES  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  33.3 ACRES  
NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  0.4 ACRE  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  0.5 ACRE  
NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  0.7 ACRE  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  0.7 ACRE

SECTION 10

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 25 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.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS**

If the number, location, source, or construction of any well deviates from that proposed in the permit application or required by permit conditions, this permit may not be valid.

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.

The wells shall be constructed in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine water level elevation in the well at all times.

Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.

Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit the results of a pump test meeting the department's standards, to the Water Resources Department. The Director may require water level or pump test results every ten years thereafter.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.

This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.

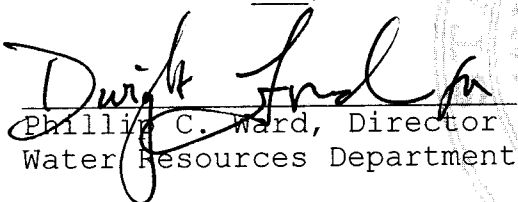
By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.

The use of water shall be limited when it interferes with any prior surface or ground water rights.

Complete application of the water to the use shall be made on or before October 1, 2009. If the water is not completely applied before this date, and the permittee wishes to continue development under the permit, the permittee must submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after complete application of water to the proposed use, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner (CWRE).

Issued June 16, 2005

  
Phillip C. Ward, Director  
Water Resources Department

**ASSIGNMENT OF PERMIT:** Pursuant to ORS 537.220, this permit may be assigned to a party other than the permittee named hereon, if the land the permit is associated with changes ownership, or if the permittee is an organization whose name changes as a result of sale or merger. Request for Assignment forms are available from the Oregon Water Resources Department web site at <http://www.wrd.state.or.us/>, or may be requested from the Department at 503-986-0801 or Water Right Application Section, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1271.

**MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES:** If the mailing address of the permittee named hereon changes, it is important that the Oregon Water Resources Department be informed of the change. Address changes must be submitted in writing with the permittee's signature to Water Right Application Section, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1271.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS:** Pursuant to ORS 537.330, in any transaction for the conveyance of real estate that includes any portion of the lands described in this permit, the seller of the real estate shall, upon accepting an offer to purchase that real estate, also inform the purchaser in writing whether any permit, transfer approval order, or certificate evidencing the water right is available and that the seller will deliver any permit, transfer approval order or certificate to the purchaser at closing, if the permit, transfer approval order or certificate is available.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION LAWS:** Water users involved in ground-disturbing activities should be aware of federal and state cultural resources protection laws. ORS 358.920 prohibits the excavation, injury, destruction or alteration of an archeological site or object, or removal of archeological objects from public and private lands without an archeological permit issued by the State Historic Preservation Office. 16 USC 470, Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires a federal agency, prior to any undertaking to take into account the effect of the undertaking that is included on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. For further information, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at 503-378-4168, extension 232.