

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF LAKE

PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

VALLEY FALLS RANCH INC.  
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31259 CLOVER FLAT RD  
LAKEVIEW, OR 97630

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-16904

SOURCE OF WATER: WELL 1 IN CROOKED CREEK BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: IRRIGATION OF 229.9 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 2.9 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: JULY 2, 2007

WELL LOCATION: SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SECTION 25, T35S, R20E, W.M.; 3455 FEET NORTH AND 1284 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 25

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  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  19.8 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  25.4 ACRES  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  30.5 ACRES  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  24.3 ACRES  
NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  6.3 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  29.8 ACRES  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  1.5 ACRES

SECTION 25

TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, W.M.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS (continued):

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  35.2 ACRES  
 NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  3.2 ACRES  
 SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  10.9 ACRES  
 SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  17.0 ACRES  
 NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  14.4 ACRES  
 NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  11.6 ACRES

SECTION 26

TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, W.M.

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of appropriation. The flow meter shall be located within 50 feet of the wellhead, and adjacent to each flow meter shall be a clearly visible monument with a sign noting the flow meter. The permittee shall maintain the meter in good working order.
- B. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the amount of water diverted each month, and shall submit a report which includes the recorded report 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.
- C. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter; provided however, where any meter is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The first annual measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the

Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

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. Measurements shall be submitted on forms provided by, or specified by, the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well log ID; and
- B. Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method of measurement; and
- D. Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

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

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

The period of restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or 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 causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not 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.

A monitoring well shall be constructed within the constraints described below. Additionally, Department access for water level data collection via periodic hand measurements and/or continuous data recorder at the monitoring well and concurrent periodic hand measurements at the proposed irrigation well shall be granted to Department. If conditions warrant exceptions to the constraints described below, each exception may be granted only by the concurrent agreement of both Department groundwater section staff and Department well enforcement staff.

The monitoring well shall be constructed within Oregon water well construction standards and the following constraints.

The monitoring well shall be located approximately due east of the proposed irrigation well and approximately half the distance between the proposed irrigation well and the north-south reach of Juniper Creek.

The monitoring well shall be approximately 50 feet deep, no less than 40 feet, and no more than 60 feet.

The monitoring well shall be continuously cased and continuously sealed to a depth of 20 feet minimum, or more if warranted by requirements of these constraints or conditions encountered during construction.

The monitoring well casing shall be steel and 2 inches diameter or larger.

The monitoring well open interval shall be no more than 20 feet total and open to a single water bearing zone only.

The monitoring well open interval and the monitoring well casing and seal shall be below any possible "hardpan" that may locally perch water.

Within the constraints noted above, the monitoring well may be constructed to allow future use as an exempt water well after the period of continuous data recorder use is completed.

A survey quality location of the completed monitoring well shall be submitted to the Department watermaster in Lakeview, the Department water rights staff in Salem, and the Department groundwater staff in Salem. The survey may include a survey metes and bounds description of the distance from a section corner or a survey-quality GPS location. (A map is not required).

Adjacent to the monitoring well shall be a clearly visible sign noting the monitoring well. If the well is enclosed in a shelter, the sign shall be mounted and clearly visible on the shelter's exterior wall.

Dedicated Measuring Tube: Wells with pumps shall be equipped with an unobstructed, dedicated measuring tube pursuant to figure 200-5 in OAR 690-200.

Prior to using water from any well listed on this permit, the permittee shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.

#### **STANDARD CONDITIONS**

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.

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 be subject to cancellation, unless the Department authorizes the change in writing.

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 well(s) 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.

If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing a point of appropriation, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy OAR 635-415. For purposes of mitigation, the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Goals and Standards, OAR 635-415, shall be followed.

The use may be restricted if the quality of downstream waters decreases to the point that those waters no longer meet state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.

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 to the Water Resources Department the results of a pump test meeting the Department's standards for each point of appropriation (well), unless an exemption has been obtained in writing under OAR 690-217. The Director may require water-level or pump-test data every ten years thereafter.

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.

Completion of construction and application of the water shall be made within five years of the date of permit issuance. If beneficial use of permitted water has not been made before this date, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after making beneficial use of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

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