

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF CROOK

PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO:

HAMILTON RANCH LLC  
55777 SE PAULINA HWY  
POST OR 97752

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: S-88814

SOURCE OF WATER: WATSON RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-5707, AND MERWIN RESERVOIR #2, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-3258, TRIBUTARIES TO WATSON CREEK

MAXIMUM VOLUME: 247.4 ACRE-FEET (AF), BEING 200.0 AF FROM WATSON RESERVOIR AND 47.4 AF FROM MERWIN RESERVOIR #2

PURPOSE OR USE: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 123.7 ACRES

PERIOD OF USE: JULY 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1

DATE OF PRIORITY: MARCH 2, 2020

AUTHORIZED POINT OF DIVERSION:

POD Name	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
WATSON RESERVOIR	16 S	22 E	WM	28	NW NW	480 FEET SOUTH AND 20 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SECTION 28
MERWIN RESERVOIR 2	16 S	22 E	WM	32	NE SW	1800 FEET NORTH AND 1980 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 32

The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to a diversion of not to exceed 4.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year. The right to the use of the water for the above purpose is restricted to beneficial use on the lands or place of use described.

AUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
17 S	21 E	WM	2	SW SW	31.7
17 S	21 E	WM	2	SE SW	31.7
17 S	21 E	WM	11	NE NW	30.4
17 S	21 E	WM	11	NW NW	29.9



1. **Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting Condition:**

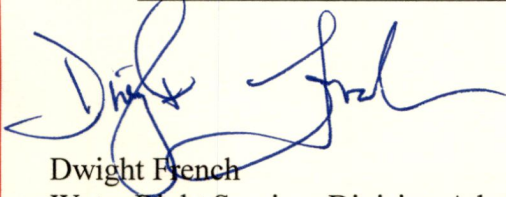
- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of diversion. The permittee shall maintain the device in good working order.
  - B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the device; provided however, where any device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
  - C. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the volume of water diverted each month, and shall submit a report which includes 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.
  - D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.
2. The water user shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and fish passage devices consistent with current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) standards. Fish screening is to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion, while passage devices provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish. The required screen and passage devices are to be in place and functional, and approved in writing by ODFW prior to diversion of water. The water user may submit evidence in writing that ODFW has determined screens and/or passage devices are not necessary.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS**

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. The use of water allowed herein may be made only at times when sufficient water is available to satisfy all prior rights, including prior rights for maintaining instream flows.

6. Construction of the water system shall begin within five years of the date of permit issuance. The deadline to begin construction may not be extended. This permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if the begin construction deadline is missed.
7. Complete 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.
8. Within one year after making complete application 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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Water Right Services Division Administrator, for  
Thomas M. Byler, Director  
Oregon Water Resources Department

