# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-11123, Crook County	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
	)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

### **Authority**

ORS 540.505 to 540.580 establishes the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of diversion, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

#### **Applicant**

NEAL AND ANNA DOW 28000 SE PAULINA HWY PRINEVILLE, OR 97754

## **Findings of Fact**

#### Background

- 1. On August 27, 2010, NEAL AND ANNA DOW filed an application to change the place of use under Certificates 86198, 86199 and 86201. The Department assigned the application number T-11123.
- 2. On November 10, 2010 the Department received a phone call from Neal Dow requesting withdrawal of 0.1 acre of Certificate 86198 from the transfer application. The Department received the revised maps showing the corrected acres on November 15, 2010.
- 3. The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 86198 in the name of NEAL AND ANNA DOW (perfected under Permit

S-20200)

Use: IRRIGATION of 42.1 ACRES

Priority Date: MARCH 2, 1951

Rate: 1.05 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

**Limit/Duty:** The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for

each acre irrigated from direct flow, and shall be further limited to a

Pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, any person may file a protest or standing statement within 30 days after the last date of publication of notice of this preliminary determination.

diversion of not to exceed 4.0 ACRE FEET PER ACRE for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year from direct flow and

storage from reservoir constructed under Permit R-1130.

Source:

HORSE HEAVEN CREEK AND A RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED

UNDER PERMIT R-1130, tributary to the CROOKED RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng_	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
16 S	19 E	WM	16	NW NE	POD 1 (RESERVOIR DAM): 450 FEET SOUTH AND 3660 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER
16 S	19 E	WM	17	SE NE	OF SECTION 16 POD 2: 2340 FEET SOUTH AND 230 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 17
16 S	19 E	WM	19	NE NE	POD 3: 430 FEET SOUTH AND 1220 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 19

#### Authorized Place of Use:

	IRRIGATION									
Twp	Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q									
16 S	18 E	WM	24	NW NE	9.8					
16 S	18 E	WM	24	NE NW	13.3					
16 S	18 E	WM	24	NW NW	12.5					
16 S	19 E	WM	20	NE NW	6.5					

Transfer Application T-11123 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION									
Twp	Rng	Acres							
16 S	19 E	WM	19	SW NE	9.9				
16 S	19 E	WM	19	SE NE	2.7				
16 S	19 E	WM	19	NE SE	0.6				
· 16 S	19 E	WM	19	NW SE	2.0				
16 S	19 E	WM	19	SW SE	2.6				
16 S	19 E	WM	19	SE SE	18.1				
16 S	19 E	WM	30	NE NE	5.1				
16 S	19 E	WM	30	NW NE	1.1				

5. The portion of the second right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate:

86199 in the name of NEAL AND ANNA DOW (perfected under Permit

S-41174)

Use:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 4.8 ACRES

Priority Date: DECEMBER 8, 1976

Rate:

6.7 ACRE FEET

Limit/Duty:

The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands, is 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.

Source:

A RESERVOIR, tributary to the CROOKED RIVER

**Authorized Points of Diversion:** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
16 S	19 E	WM	16	NW NE	POD 1 (RESERVOIR DAM): 450 FEET SOUTH
					AND 3660 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER
					OF SECTION 16
16 S	19 E	WM	17	SE NE	POD 2: 2340 FEET SOUTH AND 230 FEET WEST
					FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 17
16 S	19 E	WM	19	NE NE	POD 3: 430 FEET SOUTH AND 1220 FEET WEST
					FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 19

**Authorized Place of Use:** 

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION								
Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q Ac								
16 S	19 E	WM	17	NE SW	3.2			
16 S	19 E	WM	17	NW SE	1.6			

Transfer Application T-11123 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

	SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION								
Twp	Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q								
16 S	19 E	WM	19	NE NE	0.4				
16 S	19 E	WM	19	SW NE	2.5				
16 S	19 E	WM	19	SE NE	1.9				

7. The portion of the third right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate:

86201 in the name of NEAL AND ANNA DOW (perfected under Permit

E-235)

Use:

**IRRIGATION of 4.8 ACRES** 

Priority Date: JANUARY 18, 1915

Rate:

0.06 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Limit/Duty:

The amount of water used for irrigation, 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 per acre, or its equivalent

for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source:

HORSE HEAVEN CREEK, tributary to the CROOKED RIVER

**Authorized Point of Diversion:** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
16 S	19 E	WM	17	SE NE	2340 FEET SOUTH AND 230 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 17

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION									
Twp	Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q Acre								
16 S	19 E	WM	17	NE SW	3.2				
16 S	19 E	WM	17	NW SE	1.6				

8. Transfer Application T-11123 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

	IRRIGATION									
Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q Aci										
16 S	19 E	WM	19	NE NE	0.4					
16 S	19 E	WM	19	SW NE	2.5					
16 S	19 E	WM	19	SE NE	1.9					

- 9. The transfer application is in the name of Neal and Anna Dow. Anna Dow's signature was missing from the transfer application. On November 9, 2010 the Department received a copy of Mrs. Dow's death certificate.
- 10. The transfer application map shows POD 1's distance of 3660 feet East bearing from the NE corner of Section 16 instead of the NW corner of Section 16, T. 16 S, R. 19 E, as indicated in the application and on certificates 86198 and 86199. The bearing marker needs to be corrected. On November 15, 2010 the Department received the corrected application maps indicating the corrected distance and bearing of POD 1.
- 11. Notice of the application for transfer was published on August 31, 2010, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 12. On October 11, 2010, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11123 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of November 12, 2010, for the applicant to respond. The applicant requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer.

## Transfer Review Criteria [OAR 690-380-4010(2)]

- 13. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 14. A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing rights were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-11123.
- 15. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the rights, provided the rate and quantity of water being diverted can be controlled and measured.
- 16. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

#### **Determination and Proposed Action**

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11123 appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the transfer application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-11123 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11123 is approved.
- 2. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described, and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificates 86198, 86199 and 86201, and any related decree.
- 3. Water right certificates 86198, 86199, and 86201 are cancelled. New certificates will be issued describing the portions of the rights not affected by this transfer.
- 4. The former place of use of the transferred rights shall no longer receive water under the rights.
- 5. The water user shall maintain and operate the existing measurement devices and shall make such improvements as may be required by the Department.
- 6. When required by the Department, the water user shall install, maintain and operate headgates to control and regulate the quantity of water diverted. The type and plans of the headgates must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department.
- 7. The approved change shall be completed and full beneficial use of the water shall be made on or before **October 1, 2012**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.
- 8. When satisfactory proof of the completed change is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 30 day of November 2010.

Dwight French for

PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by a Reimbursement Authority contractor. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach Dorothy Pedersen at 503-986-0890 or Dorothy.I.Pedersen@wrd.state.or.us.

Protests should be addressed to the attention of Field Services Division, Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301-1266.