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CITY OF PRINEVILLE
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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-11134

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-11134. This document is an intermediate step in the approval process; water may not be used legally as proposed in the transfer application until a Final Order has been issued by the Department. Please read this entire letter carefully to determine your responsibility for additional action.

A public notice is being published in the Department's weekly publication, simultaneously with issuance of the Preliminary Determination. The notice initiates a period in which any person may file either a protest opposing the decision proposed by the Department in the Preliminary Determination or a standing statement supporting the Department's decision. The protest period will end 30 days after the Department's notice.

If no protest is filed, the Department will issue a Final Order consistent with the Preliminary Determination. You should receive a copy of the Final Order about 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If a protest is filed, the application may be referred to a contested case proceeding. A contested case provides an opportunity for the proponents and opponents of the decision proposed in the Preliminary Determination to present information and arguments supporting their position in a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-986-0881 or Teri.K.Hranac@wrd.state.or.us if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-11134, Crook County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF
)	CHANGES 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

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Findings of Fact

Background

1. On September 20, 2010, the CITY OF PRINEVILLE filed an application to change the place of use under Certificates 75489, 76012, 76013, 83850, and 83857. The Department assigned the application number T-11134.
2. On March 10, 2011, the applicant submitted an amendment to the application for Certificates 76012 and 83857, clarifying the types of use to be transferred.
3. On March 13, 2012, the applicant amended the transfer application for Certificates 76012 and 76013 reducing the number of acres proposed for transfer.

4. The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 75489 in the name of PEOPLES IRRIGATION CO. (perfected under Permit S-11619)

Use: IRRIGATION OF 25.0 ACRES

Priority Date: MARCH 28, 1935

Rate: 0.31 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

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.
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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 ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further 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: CROOKED RIVER, tributary to the DESCHUTES RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	16 E	WM	8	NW SW	1920 FEET NORTH AND 340 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 8

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	35	NW NE	500/100	25.0

5. Transfer Application T-11134 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	35	NW NE	100	15.7
15 S	16 E	WM	6	SE NW	304	9.3

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

Certificate: 76012 in the name of PEOPLES IRRIGATION CO. (confirmed by Crooked River Decree)

Use: IRRIGATION OF 29.3 ACRES AND STOCK

Priority Dates: 1893 AND 1895

Rate: 0.37 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND measured at the point of diversion from the source.

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, or its equivalent, and 4.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: CROOKED RIVER, tributary to the DESCHUTES RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	16 E	WM	8	NW SW	1920 FEET NORTH AND 340 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 8

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION AND STOCK							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Priority	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	26	SE SE	500	1895	6.7
14 S	15 E	WM	36	SW NE	3503	1893	2.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	SE NW	1200	1893	7.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NE SW	4100	1893	1.9
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NE SW	4200	1893	1.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NE SW	4300	1893	1.4
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NE SW	4500	1893	1.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NW SE	3503	1893	6.1
14 S	15 E	WM	36	SW SE	3501	1893	2.2
TOTAL							29.3

7. Transfer Application T-11134 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION AND STOCK							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Priority	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	36	SE NW	1200	1893	3.9
15 S	16 E	WM	6	NW SE	304	1895	6.7
15 S	16 E	WM	6	NE SW	304	1893	15.3
15 S	16 E	WM	6	NW SE	304	1893	3.4
TOTAL							29.3

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

Certificate: 76013 in the name of U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND PEOPLES IRRIGATION CO. (perfected under Permit S-25991)

Use: IRRIGATION OF 8.3 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 54.3 ACRES

Priority Date: APRIL 8, 1914

Rate: 1.57 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND FROM DIRECT FLOW AND STORAGE FROM RESERVOIR, MEASURED AT THE POINT OF DIVERSION FROM SOURCE

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 ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further 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.

Sources: CROOKED RIVER AND PRINEVILLE RESERVOIR (constructed under Permit R-2223), tributaries to the DESCHUTES RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	16 E	WM	8	NW SW	PEOPLES DITCH - 1920 FEET NORTH AND 340 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 8
17 S	16 E	WM	11	SW NW	BOWMAN DAM - 1650 FEET SOUTH AND 300 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 11

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	35	NW NE	100	8.3

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	26	SE SE	505	6.7
14 S	15 E	WM	35	NW NE	100	25.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	SW NE	3503	2.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	SE NW	1200	7.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NE SW	4100	1.9
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NE SW	4200	1.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NE SW	4300	1.4
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NE SW	4500	1.0
14 S	15 E	WM	36	NW SE	3503	6.1
14 S	15 E	WM	36	SW SE	3501	2.2
TOTAL						54.3

9. Transfer Application T-11134 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	35	NW NE	100	1.7
15 S	16 E	WM	6	SE NW	304	6.6
TOTAL						8.3

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	35	NW NE	100	15.7
14 S	15 E	WM	36	SE NW	1200	3.9
15 S	16 E	WM	6	SE NW	304	9.3
15 S	16 E	WM	6	NE SW	304	15.3
15 S	16 E	WM	6	NW SE	304	6.7
15 S	16 E	WM	6	NW SE	304	3.4
TOTAL						54.3

10. The portion of the fourth right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 83850 in the name of U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (perfected under Permit S-25991)
Use: IRRIGATION OF 21.8 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 20.0 ACRES
Priority Date: APRIL 8, 1914
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 ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further 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 from direct flow and storage from Prineville Reservoir. Use of the water requires the existence of a current contract between landowners and the United States Bureau of Reclamation.
Sources: CROOKED RIVER AND PRINEVILLE RESERVOIR (constructed under Permit R-2223), tributaries to the DESCHUTES RIVER

Authorized Points of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
14 S	15 E	WM	26	SE SE	DIRECT DIVERSION #36 - 100 FEET NORTH AND 60 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 26
15 S	16 E	WM	8	NW SW	PEOPLES DITCH #13 - 1920 FEET NORTH AND 340 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 8

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	Diversion	Supplemental Info.
14 S	15 E	WM	35	NE NE	100	21.8	36	Williams, Claude

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	Diversion	Supplemental Info.
14 S	15 E	WM	26	SW SE	505	20.0	13	Williams, Claude

11. Transfer Application T-11134 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	Diversion
14 S	15 E	WM	26	NE SW	505	20.0	36
15 S	16 E	WM	06	SE NW	304	1.8	36
TOTAL						21.8	

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	Diversion
14 S	15 E	WM	26	SW SE	505	16.1	13
15 S	16 E	WM	06	SW NE	304	3.9	13
TOTAL						20.0	

12. The portion of the fifth right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 83857 in the name of PEOPLES IRRIGATION CO. (confirmed by Crooked River Decree)
Use: IRRIGATION OF 20.0 ACRES, LIVESTOCK AND DOMESTIC
Priority Date: 1895
Rate: 0.25 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, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further 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: CROOKED RIVER, tributary to the DESCHUTES RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	16 E	WM	8	NW SW	1920 FEET NORTH AND 340 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 8

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION, LIVESTOCK AND DOMESTIC							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	Supplemental Info.
14 S	15 E	WM	26	SW SE	505	20.0	Cox, F.T.

13. Transfer Application T-11134 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION, LIVESTOCK AND DOMESTIC						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
14 S	15 E	WM	26	SW SE	505	16.1
15 S	16 E	WM	06	SW NE	304	3.9
TOTAL						20.0

14. Notice of the application for transfer was published on September 28, 2010, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.

15. On March 10, 2011, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11134 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of April 12, 2011, for the applicant to respond. On April 20, 2011, the applicant requested the Transfer Application be placed on administrative hold until October 20, 2011. The request was granted. On November 2, 2011, the applicant requested the application be placed on administrative hold for an

additional 120 days. The request was granted and the application was placed on administrative hold until February 20, 2012.

16. On March 14, 2012, the Department issued a 2nd draft Preliminary Determination and sent a copy to the applicant. On March 26, 2012, 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. The applicant also requested additional time to complete the changes until October 1, 2016.

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

17. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the rights. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
18. Diversion structures and ditches 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-11134.
19. The proposed changes would not result in enlargement of the rights.
20. The proposed changes would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action

The changes in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11134 appear 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-11134 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The changes in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11134 are 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 75489, 76012, 76013, 83850, 83857, and any related decree.*
3. *Water right certificates 75489, 76012, 76013, and 83857 are cancelled. New certificates will be issued describing those portions of the rights not affected by this transfer.*
4. *Water right certificate 83850 is modified. The Department will issue a superseding certificate describing the right when it determines that is necessary for record keeping.*

5. *Water use measurement conditions:*

a. Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device at each point of diversion.

b. The water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order.

c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meters or measuring devices are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

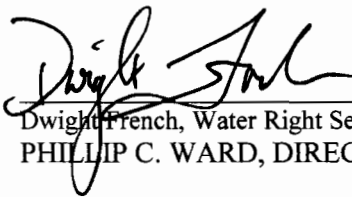
6. *The water user shall maintain the existing headgates and shall make such improvements as may be required by the Department.*

7. *The former place of use of the transferred rights shall no longer receive water under the rights.*

8. *The approved changes shall be completed and full beneficial use of the water shall be made on or before **October 1, 2017**. 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 changes and full beneficial use of the water.*

9. *When satisfactory proof of the completed changes is received, new certificates confirming the portions of the rights transferred under Certificates 75489, 76012, 76013, and 83857 will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 30th day of March, 2012.



Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for
PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Teri Hranac. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0881 or Teri.K.Hranac@wrд.state.or.us.

Protests should be addressed to the attention of Transfer and Conservation Section, Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301-1266.