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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-11280

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-11280. 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, 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) 986-0890 or Dorothy.I.Pedersen@wrds.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)
T-11280, Malheur County)
) PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
) 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.

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Findings of Fact

Background

1. On August 11, 2011, Jerrold Strickland of Rajer Farms filed an application to change the place of use under Certificates 37339 and 51472. The Department assigned the application number T-11280.
2. The first right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 37339 in the name of THEODORE BOKIDES (perfected under Permit S-31319)
Use: IRRIGATION of 327.9 ACRES
Priority Date: FEBRUARY 7, 1966
Rate: 6.9 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, 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: SNAKE RIVER, tributary to the COLUMBIA RIVER

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.

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE NE	1	1100 FEET SOUTH AND 4580 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 21

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW SW		36.5
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SW SE		1.7
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SE SE		21.7
15 S	46 E	WM	20	NE NE		15.6
15 S	46 E	WM	20	SE NE		14.4
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE NE	1	6.8
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NW NE		38.0
15 S	46 E	WM	21	SW NE		34.0
15 S	46 E	WM	21	SE NE	2	7.4
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE NW		39.2
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NW NW		34.3
15 S	46 E	WM	21	SW NW		36.0
15 S	46 E	WM	21	SE NW		34.8
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE SW		0.1
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NW SW		7.4
Total Acres:						327.9

3. Application T-11280 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW SW		13.7
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW SE		8.8
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SE SE		14.0
15 S	46 E	WM	20	NE NE		35.9
15 S	46 E	WM	20	NW NE		8.0
15 S	46 E	WM	20	SW NE		1.0
15 S	46 E	WM	20	SE NE		19.4
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE NE	1	1.7
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NW NE		38.2
15 S	46 E	WM	21	SW NE		34.8
15 S	46 E	WM	21	SE NE	2	1.7
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE NW		31.4
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NW NW		39.0
15 S	46 E	WM	21	SW NW		36.1
15 S	46 E	WM	21	SE NW		33.2
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE SW		0.6
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NW SW		10.4
Total Acres:						327.9

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

Certificate: 51472 in the name of OASIS ACRES, WAYNE DOUGLAS CHENEY PARTNER (perfected under Permit S-41976)

Use: IRRIGATION of 250.7 ACRES

Priority Date: JUNE 13, 1977

Rate: 4.74 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, 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: SNAKE RIVER, tributary to the COLUMBIA RIVER

Authorized Points of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
15 S	46 E	WM	16	NW SE	2	2000 FEET NORTH AND 3460 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 16

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW NE	3	0.4
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW NW		12.7
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SE NW		1.5
15 S	46 E	WM	16	NE SW		39.1
15 S	46 E	WM	16	NW SW		40.0
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SE SW		38.2
15 S	46 E	WM	16	NW SE	2	15.8
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW SE	1	31.8
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SE NE		11.9
15 S	46 E	WM	17	NE SE		40.0
15 S	46 E	WM	17	NW SE		17.4
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SW SE		0.7
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SE SE		0.6
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NW NE		0.3
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE NW		0.3
Total Acres:						250.7

5. Application T-11280 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW NW	3	6.0
15 S	46 E	WM	16	NE SW		35.2
15 S	46 E	WM	16	NW SW		36.9
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW SW		17.6
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SE SW		39.2

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
15 S	46 E	WM	16	NW SE	2	13.8
15 S	46 E	WM	16	SW SE	1	16.4
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SE NE		6.8
15 S	46 E	WM	17	NE SE		38.7
15 S	46 E	WM	17	NW SE		15.6
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SW SE		5.5
15 S	46 E	WM	17	SE SE		16.3
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NE NW		2.7
Total Acres:						250.7

6. The map submitted with T-11280 suggests there may have been a platting error when the Final Proof Survey maps for these rights were created, causing the east/west lines to overlie the lands about 175 feet south of their true location according to a survey performed by the Certified Water Right Examiner. Corrected coordinates for the points of diversion are given as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
15 S	46 E	WM	21	NW NE	1	CERTIFICATE 37339 POD: 1275 FEET SOUTH AND 4580 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 21
15 S	46 E	WM	17	NW SE	2	CERTIFICATE 51472 POD: 1825 FEET NORTH AND 3460 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 16

7. Notice of the application for transfer was published on August 16, 2011, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
8. On August 3, 2012, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11280 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of September 5, 2012, 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)]

9. Water has been used within the last five years prior to submittal of the transfer application 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.
10. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system 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-11280.
11. The proposed changes would not result in enlargement of the rights.
12. The proposed changes would not result in injury to other water rights.

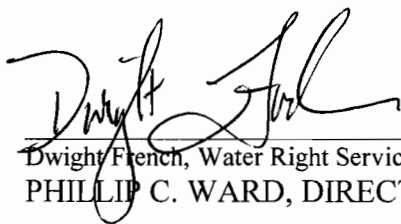
Determination and Proposed Action

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11280 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-11280 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in place of use proposed in application T-11280 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 37339 and 51472 and any related decree.*
- 3. Water right certificates 37339 and 51472 are cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right (Certificate 51472) not affected by this transfer.*
- 4. The former place of use of the transferred rights shall no longer receive water under the rights.*
- 5. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2014**. 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.*
- 6. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 15 day of October, 2012.



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

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Carrie Matthews. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 541-523-8224 x 36 or Carrie.R.Matthews@wrđ.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.