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VIA E-MAIL

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-11474

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-11474. 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 and in the Roseburg News Review newspaper, 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 *or* 30 days after the last date of newspaper publication.

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 503-986-0892 or Joan.M.Smith@ wrd.state.or.us if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith
Transfer Specialist
Transfer and Conservation Section

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application)
T-11474, Douglas County)
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) PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
) PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
) CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION

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

ELIZABETH A. AND TIMOTHY DEWSNUP
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Findings of Fact

1. On September 24, 2012, Elizabeth A and Timothy Dewsnap filed an application to change the point of diversion and the place of use under Certificate 86821. The Department assigned the application number T-11474.
2. Elizabeth A. and Timothy Dewsnap will be responsible for completion of the changes.
3. On September 25, 2012, notice of the application for transfer was published, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
4. On September 20, 2013, the Department contacted the applicants by telephone and by e-mail to notify them of the deficiencies in the application. The Department requested that the deficiencies be resolved by October 21, 2013.
5. On October 15, 2013, evidence demonstrating that Land Use approval has been obtained was provided to the Department, as required under OAR 690-380-3000(19).
6. On October 15, 2013, evidence was submitted by the applicant, indicating that water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right.
7. On October 23, 2013, the applicant asked that the place of use change be removed from the application.

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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8. On November 8, 2013, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11474 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of December 9, 2013, for the applicants to respond. The applicants 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.

9. The right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 86821 in the name of E M. MARSTERS (perfected under Permit S-8233)
Use: IRRIGATION OF 3.74 ACRES AND DOMESTIC
Priority Date: OCTOBER 31, 1927
Rate: 0.03 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 in case of rotation.
Source: WEAVER CREEK, tributary to SOUTH MYRTLE CREEK

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
29 S	3 W	WM	16	SW NE	2954 FEET NORTH AND 611 FEET EAST FROM THE S1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 16

Authorized Place of Use:

DOMESTIC AND IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
29 S	3 W	WM	16	SW SE	3.74

10. Transfer Application T-11474 proposes to move the authorized point of diversion approximately 0.35 mile downstream to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
29 S	3 W	WM	16	SW SE	1090 FEET NORTH AND 710 FEET EAST FROM THE S1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 16

11. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) have determined that a fish screen is necessary at the new point of diversion to prevent fish from entering the diversion and that the diversion is not currently equipped with an appropriate fish screen. This diversion may be eligible for screening cost-share funds.

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

12. Evidence was submitted indicating that 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 right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.

13. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-11474.
14. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
15. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-11474 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.

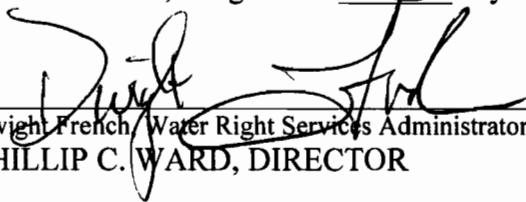
If Transfer Application T-11474 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The change in point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-11474 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 Certificate 86821 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right certificate 86821 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the new point of diversion, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of diversion.*
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 the new point of diversion.*
 - b. *The water user shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.*
 - c. *The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.*
6. *Prior to diverting water, the water user shall install an approved fish screen at the new point of diversion and shall provide to the OWRD a written statement from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) that the installed screen meets the state's criteria, or that ODFW has determined a screen is not necessary.*

The water user shall operate and maintain the fish screen at the new point of diversion consistent with ODFW's operational and maintenance standards. If ODFW determines the screen is not functioning properly, and is unsuccessful in working with the water user to meet ODFW standards, ODFW may request that OWRD regulate the use of water until OWRD receives notification from ODFW that the fish screen is functioning properly.

7. *Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2015**. 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. *After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 13th day of December 2013.


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

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Joan Smith. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0892 or Joan.M.Smith@wrds.state.or.us

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