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VIA E-MAIL

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-11765

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-11765. 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 if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith
Transfer Specialist

cc: T-11765
Greg Silbernagel, District 5 Watermaster (*via e-mail*)
Molly Reid, Agent for the applicant (*via e-mail*)
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**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application) PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-11765, Umatilla County) PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
) CHANGE IN POINT OF
) APPROPRIATION

Authority

ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, 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

IVAN AND MARTIN MEADS
32855 W WALLS RD
HERMISTON, OR 97838

Findings of Fact

1. On March 19, 2014, IVAN AND MARTIN MEADS filed an application to change the point of appropriation under Certificate 53250. The Department assigned the application number T-11765.
2. The applicant is responsible for completion of the changes.
3. Notice of the application for transfer was published on March 25, 2014, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
4. On June 11, 2014, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11765 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of July 14, 2014, 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.
5. The right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 53250 in the name of IVAN L MEADS and CARLA JEAN MEADS
(perfected under Permit G-5579)
Use: IRRIGATION of 33.6 ACRES
Priority Date: JULY 3, 1972
Rate: 0.42 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.

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 per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 3 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: A WELL within the COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
5 N	29 E	WM	29	NW NW	1270 FEET SOUTH AND 670 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 29

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
5 N	29 E	WM	29	NW NW	33.6

- Transfer Application T-11765 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation approximately 80 feet from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
5 N	29 E	WM	29	NW NW	1220 FEET SOUTH AND 750 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 29

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 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.
- A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right was present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-11765.
- The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
- All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

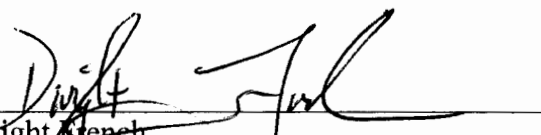
The change in point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-11765 appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-11765 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- The change in point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-11765 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 53250 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right certificate 53250 is cancelled.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the new point of appropriation, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation.*
5. *Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.*
6. *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.*
7. *After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 10 day of July 2014.


Dwight French
Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

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