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CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
1055 SW LAKE COURT
REDMOND, OREGON 97756

SUBJECT: Instream Water Right Transfer Application T-11110 / MP-141

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-11110/MP-141. 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 Bend Bulletin 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 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 503-986-0890 or Sarah.A.Henderson@ wrd.state.or.us if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Henderson".

Sarah Henderson
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Bureau of Reclamation (*via e-mail*)

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

In the Matter of Instream Transfer)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
Application T-11110, and Mitigation)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
Project MP-141, Deschutes County)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE AND
)	CHARACTER OF USE, PARTIAL
)	CANCELLATION OF A WATER
)	RIGHT, AND PRELIMINARY AWARD
)	OF MITIGATION CREDITS

Authority

Oregon Revised Statute (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. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications. OAR Chapter 690, Division 077 provides additional criteria for evaluating transfers to instream water rights.

ORS 540.510 establishes the process in which the Department may cancel a supplemental water right not included as part of the transfer application.

OAR 690-521-0100 to 690-521-0600 establishes the process in which anyone may submit a ground water mitigation project to the Department for the purpose of establishing mitigation credits in the Deschutes Ground Water Study Area.

Pursuant to OAR 690-521-0400 (2), any mitigation credits awarded to a mitigation project are valid until used to fulfill a mitigation obligation of a ground water use in the Deschutes Ground Water Study Area. Valid mitigation credits may be assigned by any person or recognized mitigation bank to any person or other mitigation bank. Mitigation credits are used when a person submits to the Department documentary evidence that valid credits have been obtained and assigned to satisfy a mitigation obligation.

Applicant

DESCHUTES RIVER CONSERVANCY (DRC)
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BEND, OREGON 97703

CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION DISTRICT (COID)
1055 SW LAKE COURT
REDMOND, OREGON 97756

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.

Findings of Fact

1. On July 19, 2010, the DRC and COID filed an application to change the place of use and character of use under Certificate 83571 to instream use. The Department assigned the application number T-11110.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on July 27, 2010, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were received by the comment deadline, August 27, 2010.
3. Consistent with land use requirements, notice of the intent to file the instream transfer application was provided by the applicant to Deschutes County, Jefferson County, Wasco County, City of Maupin and the City of Bend Planning Division and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs. Additionally, the Department provided notification of the proposed action to these local governments upon receipt of Transfer Application T-11110.
4. On November 24, 2015, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11110 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of December 24, 2015, 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 applicants are authorized to pursue the transfer.
5. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 83571 in the name of Central Oregon Irrigation District (confirmed by decree of the Circuit Court for Deschutes County)

Use: Irrigation of 34.35 acres, being 9.0 acres from POD No. 1 and 25.35 acres from POD No. 11

Priority Date: October 31, 1900 and December 2, 1907

Season of Use: April 1 to October 31, further limited as follows:

Maximum Quantity (Rate) that can be applied to an acre:
 Limited to 1/80th cubic foot per second (CFS) per acre during the period April 1 through April 30 & October 1 through October 31
 Limited to 1/60th CFS per acre during the period May 1 through May 14 & September 15 through September 30
 Limited to 1/32.4th CFS per acre during the period May 15 through September 14

Maximum Duty that can be applied to an acre:
 Not to exceed 9.91 acre-feet (AF) per acre per year

The above listed rates and duty reflect allowance of a 45% transmission loss as determined by decree of the Circuit Court of Deschutes County, dated March 24, 1933. Those lands not served from the District main canal systems, but by direct pumping from the Deschutes River, are not allowed the 45% transmission loss.

Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
18 S	11 E	WM	13	SW NE	POD No. 1 (CENTRAL OREGON CANAL): 1520 FEET SOUTH AND 1535 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 13

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
17 S	12 E	WM	29	SE NE	POD No. 11 (COID NORTH CANAL): 850 FEET NORTH AND 630 FEET WEST FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 29

Authorized Places of Use:

IRRIGATION – POD No. 1					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
17 S	12 E	WM	13	NW NW	3.00
17 S	12 E	WM	14	NE SE	1.70
17 S	12 E	WM	14	SE SE	1.80
17 S	12 E	WM	35	SW NW	2.50
Total					9.00

IRRIGATION – POD No. 11					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
14 S	13 E	WM	9	NW NW	4.81
14 S	13 E	WM	16	SW NE	0.38
14 S	13 E	WM	31	NW NE	0.40
15 S	13 E	WM	5	NE SW	14.55
15 S	13 E	WM	10	SE SW	0.60
15 S	13 E	WM	19	NE NE	3.36
17 S	12 E	WM	15	SE NW	1.25
Total					25.35

6. The season of use described in Certificate 83571 contains scrivener errors. Consistent with the Decree for the Deschutes River (Volume 12, Page 282), the irrigation season should be:

Season of Use: April 1 to October 31, further limited as follows:
 April 1 through April 30 and October 1 through October 31, described herein as Season 1.
 May 1 through May 14 and September 15 through September 30, described herein as Season 2.
 May 15 through September 14, described herein as Season 3.

7. Certificate 83571 is a deficient water right. If water were diverted simultaneously to all authorized lands and uses described in the right at the maximum rates and duty allowed (described in Finding of Fact No. 5), the total rate and duty for the water right would be exceeded. In the event water were diverted simultaneously to all authorized lands and uses described in the right at the maximum rates and duty allowed at the PODs (described in Finding of Fact No. 5), the portion of the right involved in this transfer would be limited as described in the tables below. These rates and duties are also the quantities by which Certificate 83571 shall be reduced, if this transfer is approved.

POD No. 1

Priority Date	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Duty
October 31, 1900	0.111 CFS	0.148 CFS	0.196 CFS	88.23 AF
December 2, 1907			0.079 CFS	

POD No. 11

Priority Date	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Duty
October 31, 1900	0.289 CFS	0.395 CFS	0.538 CFS	239.21 AF
December 2, 1907			0.216 CFS	

8. A total of 49.05 AF of water, excluding transmission losses, may be beneficially used annually for primary irrigation from POD No. 1 under the portion of Certificate 83571 proposed for transfer.
9. A total of 138.17 AF of water, excluding transmission losses, may be beneficially used annually for primary irrigation from POD No. 11 under the portion of Certificate 83571 proposed for transfer.
10. There is a supplemental right, Certificate 76714, appurtenant to the same lands on which the primary right, Certificate 83571, is appurtenant to and proposed to be transferred to instream use. The applicant has requested that the affected portion of Certificate 76714 be cancelled upon issuance of the Final Order approving T-11110.
11. The applicants are not the owners of the lands to which the water right described in Finding of Fact No. 5 is appurtenant. However, water right conveyance agreements have been completed and interest in the water rights has been conveyed to COID from each landowner described in the table below. The portion of this right to be transferred was appurtenant to lands owned by the identified landowners at the time interest in the water right was conveyed through a Quit Claim, a water right conveyance agreement.

Landowner	Water Right Interest Holder	Twp	Rng	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot at time of Conveyance	Acres
William F. Honer	COID	14 S	13 E	9	NW NW	501	4.81
Beverly A. Livingston	COID	14 S	13 E	16	SW NE	101	0.20
Daniel Hostetler	COID	14 S	13 E	16	SW NE	605	0.18
Juanita Rumley	COID	14 S	13 E	31	NW NE	400	0.40
Jayne I. Heyne, J. Pat Horton and Carolyn L. Horton, High Ranch Development Co. LLC	COID	15S	13 E	5	NE SW	902	14.55
Pat C. Dean, Trustee or her Successor in trust, of the Pat C. Dean Revocable Living Trust, dated March 15, 2005	COID	15 S	13 E	10	SE SW	600, 700, 900, 1000	0.6
Whistler Dev LLC	COID	15 S	13 E	19	NE NE	703	3.36
Kelly J. Lay and Jo Ann Watson-Lay	COID	17 S	12 E	15	SE NW	500	1.25
Niklas K. F. Zetterberg and Berit Zetterberg, Trustees, or a Successor Trustee, of the Niklas and Berit Zetterberg Trust dated 12/6/1995	COID	17 S	12 E	13	NW NW	305	3.00
Dyer Land & Cattle Company LLC	COID	17 S	12 E	14	NE SE	806	1.7
Dyer Land & Cattle Company LLC	COID	17 S	12 E	14	SE SE	806	1.8

Landowner	Water Right Interest Holder	Twp	Rng	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot at time of Conveyance	Acres
Stanley R. Schliep and Judith A. Schliep, Trustees of the "Schliep Trust" dated June 18, 1987	COID	17 S	12 E	35	SW NW	201 (now 5800)	2.5
Total Acres							34.35

12. Instream Transfer Application T-11110 proposes to change the character of use to instream use for conservation, maintenance and enhancement of aquatic and fish life, wildlife, fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values; recreation; and pollution abatement. The application also proposes to establish mitigation credits in the Deschutes Ground Water Study Area.
13. Instream Transfer Application T-11110 also proposes to use 34.35 acres of irrigation use for instream and restoration purposes and 9.35 acres of that to establish mitigation credits in the Deschutes Ground Water Study Area.
14. Instream Transfer Application T-11110 proposes to change the place of use of the right to create the following instream reaches in the Deschutes River:

Reach No. 1 (restoration flows only): From Central Oregon Canal POD No. 1 to COID North Canal POD No. 11.

Reach No. 2 (restoration and mitigation flows): From COID North Canal POD No. 11 to Lake Billy Chinook (River Mile (RM) 120).

Reach No. 3 (restoration flows only): From Lake Billy Chinook (RM 120) to the Madras Gage.

Reach No. 4 (restoration flows only): From the Madras Gage to the mouth of the Deschutes River (RM 0).

15. The applicant proposes the quantities of water to be transferred instream be protected as follows:

Reach No. 1:

Certificate	Priority Date	Rate Instream	Volume Instream
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1: 0.062 CFS Season 2: 0.082 CFS Season 3: 0.153 CFS	49.05 AF

Reach No. 2:

Certificate	Priority Date	Rate Instream	Volume Instream
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1: 0.236 CFS Season 2: 0.314 CFS Season 3: 0.583 CFS	187.22 AF

Reach No. 3:

Certificate	Priority Date	Rate Instream	Volume Instream
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1: 0.172 CFS Season 2: 0.229 CFS Season 3: 0.424 CFS	136.26 AF

Reach No. 4:

Certificate	Priority Date	Rate Instream	Volume Instream
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1: 0.109 CFS Season 2: 0.109 CFS Season 3: 0.109 CFS	45.00 AF

16. The applicant has requested that any instream water right established as a result of this instream transfer be additive to existing instream water rights for the same reach established pursuant to ORS 537.348 (instream transfer process) and ORS 537.470 (allocation of conserved water process). The applicant has also requested that any instream water rights established as a result of this instream transfer replace a portion of any existing instream rights established pursuant to ORS 537.346 (minimum streamflow conversion) and ORS 537.341 (state agency instream application process), with a more senior priority date.
17. The applicant has requested to protect water instream under the October 31, 1900 priority date. Water is diverted at the point of diversion during Season 3 under both the 1900 and 1907 priority dates. The quantity of water diverted under the 1907 priority date during Season 3 makes up a balance of water allowed by the Decree for transmission losses. Transmission losses account for 45 percent of the water diverted at the point of diversion and are not transferable to instream use. The quantities of water proposed by the applicant to be transferred instream, as described in Finding of Fact No. 15, do not include the 45 percent transmission loss. The Department finds that water may be protected instream solely under the 1900 priority date.
18. Within the specified stream reach, the amount of water to which this right is entitled shall not exceed the quantity of water legally available at the original point of diversion. Stream channel losses and gains calculated based on available data and the use of water by senior appropriators will determine the amount of water to which this right is entitled downstream from the original point of diversion within the specified stream reach.

Instream Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-77-0075 and 690-380-4010)

19. Water has been used within the five years prior to submittal of Instream Transfer Application T-11110 according to the terms and conditions of the right, and there is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
20. A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Instream Transfer Application T-11110.

21. Based upon review of the instream transfer, the Department has determined that water may be protected instream as follows:

Reach No. 1 (Restoration flows only): From Central Oregon Canal POD No. 1 to COID North Canal POD No. 11

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Period	Instream Rate	Instream volume
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1 (modified to end October 26)	0.062 CFS	49.05 AF
		Season 2	0.082 CFS	
		Season 3	0.153 CFS	

Reach No. 2 (Mitigation and Restoration flows): From COID North Canal POD No. 11 to Lake Billy Chinook (RM 120)

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Period	Instream Rate	Instream volume
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1 (modified to end October 26)	0.236 CFS	187.22 AF
		Season 2	0.314 CFS	
		Season 3	0.583 CFS	

Reach No. 3 (Restoration flows only): From Lake Billy Chinook (RM 120) to the Madras Gage

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Period	Instream Rate	Instream volume
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1 (modified to end October 26)	0.172 CFS	136.26 AF
		Season 2	0.229 CFS	
		Season 3	0.425 CFS	

Reach No. 4 (Restoration flows only with return flows accounted for): Madras Gage to mouth of Deschutes River (RM 0)

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Period	Instream Rate	Instream volume
83571	October 31, 1900	April 1 – October 26	0.109 CFS	45.0 AF

22. The proposed changes, as modified, would not result in enlargement of the right.
23. The proposed changes, as modified, would not result in injury to other water rights.
24. The amount and timing of the proposed instream flow, as modified, is allowable within the limits and use of the original water right.
25. The protection of flows within the proposed reach is appropriate, considering:
 - a) The instream water right begins at the recorded point of diversion;
 - b) The location of confluences with other streams downstream of the point of diversion;
 - c) There are no known areas of natural loss of streamflow to the river bed downstream from the point of diversion; and

- d) Any return flows resulting from the exercise of the existing water right would re-enter the river downstream of the reach of the instream water right.
26. There are existing instream water rights within the same reach as proposed for the new instream water right. One of these existing instream water rights, Certificate 59778 with a priority date of November 3, 1983, was established under ORS 537.346, the conversion of a minimum perennial streamflow to instream use. This instream water right is located from the confluence of the Spring River with the Deschutes River to the North Canal Dam (POD No. 11). There is also a pending instream water right application, filed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) pursuant to ORS 537.341 to establish an instream water right from POD No. 11 to Lake Billy Chinook, which if approved will have a priority date of September 24, 1990. Below Lake Billy Chinook, there are two other instream water rights, Certificates 73188 and 73237, with priority dates of October 2, 1989 and January 16, 1996, respectively. These instream water rights were established pursuant to ORS 537.341, the state agency instream water right application process, and are located from the Pelton Regulation Dam on the Deschutes River to the mouth. The remaining instream water rights were established under ORS 537.348, the instream transfer process, and ORS 537.470, the allocation of conserved water process.
27. In addition, within the proposed reach, the Deschutes River is a designated State Scenic Waterway. The protection of flows necessary to maintain the free flowing character of the Deschutes River for fish and wildlife habitat and recreation is a matter of statutory policy. Within the proposed reach, flows for the designated Scenic Waterway are at times not met during the requested periods for instream protection.
28. This segment of the Deschutes River is also on the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) 303d list of water quality limited streams and a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) study is underway.
29. The existing instream water rights, established under ORS 537.341 (state agency application process), within the proposed reach on the Deschutes River are sufficient to protect the monthly quantities of water necessary for various fishlife stages, supporting aquatic life, and minimizing pollution, but are not always met and have priority dates junior in comparison to other water rights on the Deschutes River. The proposed instream use will have a priority date of October 31, 1900. By replacing a portion of instream rights created at the request of state agencies or under the minimum streamflow conversion process, the proposed instream right will provide protection for streamflows previously identified as necessary for conservation, maintenance and enhancement of aquatic and fish life, fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values; recreation; and pollution abatement under an earlier priority date.

30. By adding to other instream water rights, established pursuant to ORS 537.348 (instream transfer process and instream lease) and ORS 537.470 (allocation of conserved water process), located within the proposed reach, any new instream water right established by this transfer would provide protection for additional flows identified as necessary for conservation, maintenance and enhancement of aquatic and fish life, fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values, recreation, and pollution abatement.
31. During the period April 1 through October 26, any instream water right established by this transfer application may replace a portion of instream water rights established pursuant to ORS 537.341 or ORS 537.346 and be in addition to instream water rights established pursuant to ORS 537.348 or ORS 537.470, unless otherwise specified in an order approving a new instream water right under these statutes.
32. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected under the existing and proposed instream rights in the reach will provide for a beneficial purpose and do not exceed the estimated average natural flow

Partial Cancellation of a Water Right

33. There is an existing supplemental right, Certificate 76714, appurtenant to the portion of lands on which Certificate 83571 is proposed for transfer for instream use. The applicant has not submitted an affidavit certifying that affected portions under Certificate 76714 have been abandoned. The applicant has requested that affected portions of the supplemental water right under Certificate 76714 be cancelled upon issuance of the Final Order approving the Instream Transfer T-11110.
34. Interest in the portion of Certificate 76714 to be cancelled has been conveyed to COID. Supplemental water rights (layered water rights must be included in a transfer application or be cancelled.)
35. Consistent with OAR 690-380-2250, the Department is providing notice in the draft Preliminary Determination to the applicant of its intent to cancel the portion of Certificate 76714 as described below unless within 30 days of the date of the notification, the applicant modifies the application to include the supplemental right or withdraws the application.
36. The portion of the supplemental water right to be cancelled is as follows:

Certificate:	76714 in the name of Central Oregon Irrigation District (perfected under Permit S-23256)
Use:	Supplemental Irrigation of 34.35 acres, being 9.0 acres from POD No. 1 and 25.35 acres from POD No. 11
Priority Date:	February 28, 1913
Source:	Crane Prairie Reservoir, constructed under Permit R-1687, tributary to the Deschutes River

Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
18 S	11 E	WM	13	SW NE	POD No. 1 (CENTRAL OREGON CANAL): 1520 FEET SOUTH AND 1535 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 13
17 S	12 E	WM	29	SE NE	POD No. 11 (COID NORTH CANAL) 850 FEET NORTH AND 630 FEET EAST FROM THE N1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 29
21 S	8 E	WM	17	NE NE	CRANE PRAIRIE RESERVOIR

Authorized Places of Use:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION						
POD	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
11	14 S	13 E	WM	9	NW NW	4.81
11	14 S	13 E	WM	16	SW NE	0.38
11	14 S	13 E	WM	31	NW NE	0.40
11	15 S	13 E	WM	5	NE SW	14.55
11	15 S	13 E	WM	10	SE SW	0.60
11	15 S	13 E	WM	19	NE NE	3.36
11	17 S	12 E	WM	15	SE NW	1.25
1	17 S	12 E	WM	13	NW NW	3.00
1	17 S	12 E	WM	14	NE SE	1.70
1	17 S	12 E	WM	14	SE SE	1.80
1	17 S	12 E	WM	35	SW NW	2.50
Total						34.35

37. The Department has information that POD No. 11 (COID North Canal) described in the Certificates 83571 and 76714 is the same diversion point. The location coordinates described in Certificate 76714 contain errors. The location coordinates should be:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
17 S	12 E	WM	29	SE NE	POD No. 11 (COID NORTH CANAL) 850 FEET NORTH AND 630 FEET WEST FROM THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 29

Preliminary Award of Deschutes Basin Mitigation Credits

38. The DRC and COID has requested this instream transfer application be used to establish mitigation credits in the Deschutes Ground Water Study Area. The Applicant has requested that any mitigation credits generated from this project be assigned to the DRC and COID.
39. The Department assigned this mitigation credit project number MP-141.
40. The Department provided notice of the mitigation credit project pursuant to OAR 690-521-0300 (6) on October 19, 2010. No comments were received in response to this notice.
41. The Department consulted with representatives from ODFW, DEQ, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of State Lands, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and the Department's Watermaster pursuant to OAR 690-521-0300 (7) and OAR 690-505-0630 (2) on November 9, 2010. Comments were received from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department stating they were in support of the instream transfer.

42. No changes were made to the instream transfer as a result of comments received or consultation with the above-named agencies.
43. The proposed transfer of 9.35 acres to instream use will provide 16.8 acre-feet of mitigation water. Therefore, 16.8 mitigation credits (1.0 mitigation credit = 1.0 AF of mitigation water) may be awarded to this mitigation credit project and assigned to the DRC and COID. The mitigation credits may be used to mitigate for ground water permit applications and existing conditioned ground water permits and certificates, providing mitigation pursuant to the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules, OAR Chapter 690, Division 505, within the General and Middle Deschutes Zones of Impact.
44. A total of 49.05 AF from POD No. 1 and 138.17 AF from POD No. 11 is proposed to be transferred to instream use and 16.8 AF of that, as identified above, may be used for mitigation purposes. The amount of water transferred instream and not used for mitigation purposes will benefit instream flow.
45. The Department shall award final mitigation credits upon completion of the approved project by the applicant and verification by the Department that the project is complete. The issuance of a certificate for the proposed instream water right shall result in completion of the project and verification that the project is complete.
46. Mitigation credits awarded to this mitigation credit project will be valid beginning the first calendar year that water will be protected instream under any new instream water right created as a result of this instream transfer application.

Determination and Proposed Action

The changes in character of use and place of use to instream use proposed in application T-11110 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580, ORS 537.348, OAR 690-380-5000, and OAR 690-077-0075 and the abandoned right should be cancelled. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the application will be approved and the abandoned right will be cancelled.

This mitigation project appears to result in mitigation credits pursuant to ORS 537.746 and OAR 690-521-0300 and 690-521-0400.

If Instream Transfer Application T-11110 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The changes in character of use and place of use to instream use proposed in application T-11110 are approved. The portion of the right that has been abandoned is cancelled.*
2. *Water right Certificate 83571 is modified and a new certificate confirming the instream water right shall be issued. The Department shall issue a new water right certificate to supersede certificate 83571 upon a determination that it is necessary to produce a certificate to describe that portion of the right not affected by this transfer. Approval of this transfer shall reduce the amount of water lawfully available under the remaining portion of Certificate 83571 by the following:*

POD No. 1

Priority Date	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Duty
October 31, 1900	0.111 CFS	0.148 CFS	0.196 CFS	88.23 AF
December 2, 1907			0.079 CFS	

POD No. 11

Priority Date	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Duty
October 31, 1900	0.289 CFS	0.395 CFS	0.538 CFS	239.21 AF
December 2, 1907			0.216 CFS	

3. *Certificate 76714 is modified. The Department shall issue a new water certificate on a determination that it is necessary to produce a certificate to confirm that portion of the water right not affected by the cancellation described in Finding of Fact No. 36. Modification of this supplemental water right will be decreased by 34.35 acres equivalent of municipal use to which stored water may be applied for supplemental use under the right.*
4. *The instream water right shall provide for the protection of streamflows from Central Oregon Canal POD No. 1 (described in Finding of Fact No. 5) to the mouth of the Deschutes River (~RM 0).*
5. *The quantities of water to be protected under the instream water right are:*

Reach No. 1 (Restoration flows only): From Central Oregon Canal POD No. 1 to COID North Canal POD No. 11

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Period	Instream Rate	Instream volume
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1 (modified to end October 26)	0.062 CFS	49.05 AF
		Season 2	0.082 CFS	
		Season 3	0.153 CFS	

Reach No. 2 (Mitigation and Restoration flows): From COID North Canal POD No. 11 to Lake Billy Chinook (RM 120)

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Period	Instream Rate	Instream volume
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1 (modified to end October 26)	0.236 CFS	187.22 AF
		Season 2	0.314 CFS	
		Season 3	0.583 CFS	

Reach No. 3 (Restoration flows only): From Lake Billy Chinook (RM 120) to the Madras Gage

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Period	Instream Rate	Instream volume
83571	October 31, 1900	Season 1 (modified to end October 26)	0.172 CFS	136.26 AF
		Season 2	0.229 CFS	
		Season 3	0.425 CFS	

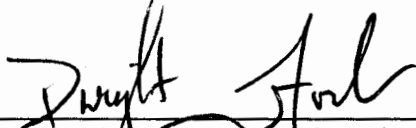
Reach No. 4 (Restoration flows only with return flows accounted for): Madras Gage to mouth of Deschutes River (RM 0)

<i>Certificate</i>	<i>Priority Date</i>	<i>Instream Period</i>	<i>Instream Rate</i>	<i>Instream volume</i>
83571	October 31, 1900	April 1 – October 26	0.109 CFS	45.0 AF

6. *Water rights upstream of the original point of diversion shall not be subject to regulation for flows in excess of the quantities to which this instream water right is entitled at the original point of diversion.*
7. *Within the specified stream reach, the amount of water to which this right is entitled shall not exceed the quantity of water legally available at the original point of diversion. Stream channel losses and gains calculated based on available data and the use of senior appropriators will determine the amount of water to which this right is entitled downstream from the original point of diversion within the specified stream reach.*
8. *The instream right established by this transfer shall replace a portion of instream water rights established pursuant to ORS 537.341 or 537.346 and be in addition to instream water rights established pursuant to ORS 537.348 or 537.470 unless otherwise specified by an order approving a new instream water right under these statutes.*
9. *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 83571 and any related decree.*
10. *The former place of use of the transferred water shall no longer receive water as part of this right.*
11. ***Preliminary Award of Mitigation Credits: Final Award of Mitigation Credits may be made upon completion of the project and verification by the Department that the project has been completed as proposed. Issuance of a new instream water right certificate, as described herein, will result in completion of the project and verification by the Department that the project is complete. If completed as proposed, mitigation credits, in the amount of 16.8 credits, as described herein, may be awarded to this mitigation project and assigned to the DRC and COID. Mitigation credits awarded may be used to satisfy a mitigation obligation of a ground water permit applicant and/or ground water permit/certificate holder in the General and Middle Deschutes Zones of Impact. Mitigation credits generated by this project will be available for use as mitigation beginning the first calendar year that water will be protected instream under a new instream water right.***
12. *Mitigation credits are valid until used to satisfy a mitigation obligation of a ground water permit applicant and/or ground water permit/certificate holder within the Deschutes Ground Water Study Area pursuant to the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules. Mitigation credits are used when a person submits to the Department documentary evidence that valid credits have been obtained and assigned to satisfy a mitigation obligation.*

13. *The instream certificate created as a result of the approval of this transfer shall be identified as a mitigation credit project for a ground water permit applicant and/or ground water permit/certificate holder. Within each instream certificate, the number of mitigation credits, the zone of impact in which the mitigation credits were generated and may be used, and the volume of water dedicated instream solely for instream benefits shall also be specified.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 24 day of December, 2015.



Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
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