

August 25th, 2016

Oregon Water Resources Department
725 Summer Street N.E., Suite A
Salem, Oregon 97301-1266

Attn: Mr. Kelly Starnes

**Request for Reversions
Canceled Certificates 49960 and 50648 in Transfer T-11478**

Dear Mr. Starnes,

Christensen Farms is hereby requesting two reversions to Certificates 49960 and 50648, which were included in Transfer T-11478. These two certificates, both for irrigation, were canceled as part of the Transfer Order issued on March 30, 2015.

The reversions we are requesting would undo the changes approved for lands that: 1) belong to others; and 2) underlie a solar farm on our property. We identified the reversions based on the Claim of Beneficial Use being prepared for the transfer. Our Certified Water Rights Examiner, Steve Bruce, discussed the requested reversions with Gerry Clark of the Department on August 4 and 5, 2016. We understand Mr. Clark, in turn, discussed the land ownership reversion with you.

The following sections describe our request. We have included a map prepared by Skookum Water Associates Inc. showing the lands involved with the reversions.

Reversion of Lands Owned by Others

As indicated in the attached map, Christensen Farms does not own Taxlot 800 in Section 26 of Township 5 South, Range 5 West, WM (T5S, R5W, WM). This property was inadvertently included in the transfer application, but presumably was not identified as being owned by Christensen Farms in the property ownership information the Department reviewed as part of processing the application.

Based on the attached map, we infer there are 11.7 and 22.8 acres of lands in Taxlot 800 associated with Canceled Certificates 49960 and 50648, respectively. The landowner is my cousin, Hal Lewis. His contact information is:

Hal Lewis
15405 SW Bellevue Highway
McMinnville, OR 97128
Telephone: (541) 602-4127

We understand the Department will likely issue a new certificate to Mr. Lewis showing that his portion of the water right was not affected by Transfer T-11478.

Reversion of Lands Underlying a Solar Farm.

We developed a solar farm on 11 acres in Section 26 in T5S, R5W, WM after the transfer application was filed. Unfortunately, there is no process available that could be used to amend the transfer to address this change; however, in 2014, the Department granted approval for an instream lease of the rights on the 11 acres while the transfer application was pending. The lease number was IL-1422.

As indicated on the attached map, the lands under the solar farm consist of 2 acres and 9 acres under canceled Certificates 49960 and 50648, respectively. It is currently impractical to irrigate this area to prove up on the water-right changes authorized by the transfer. Mr. Clark indicated the Department may be able to revert the lands under the solar farm to their original rights. Assuming this reversion can be completed, we plan to apply for a long-term instream lease of the rights.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



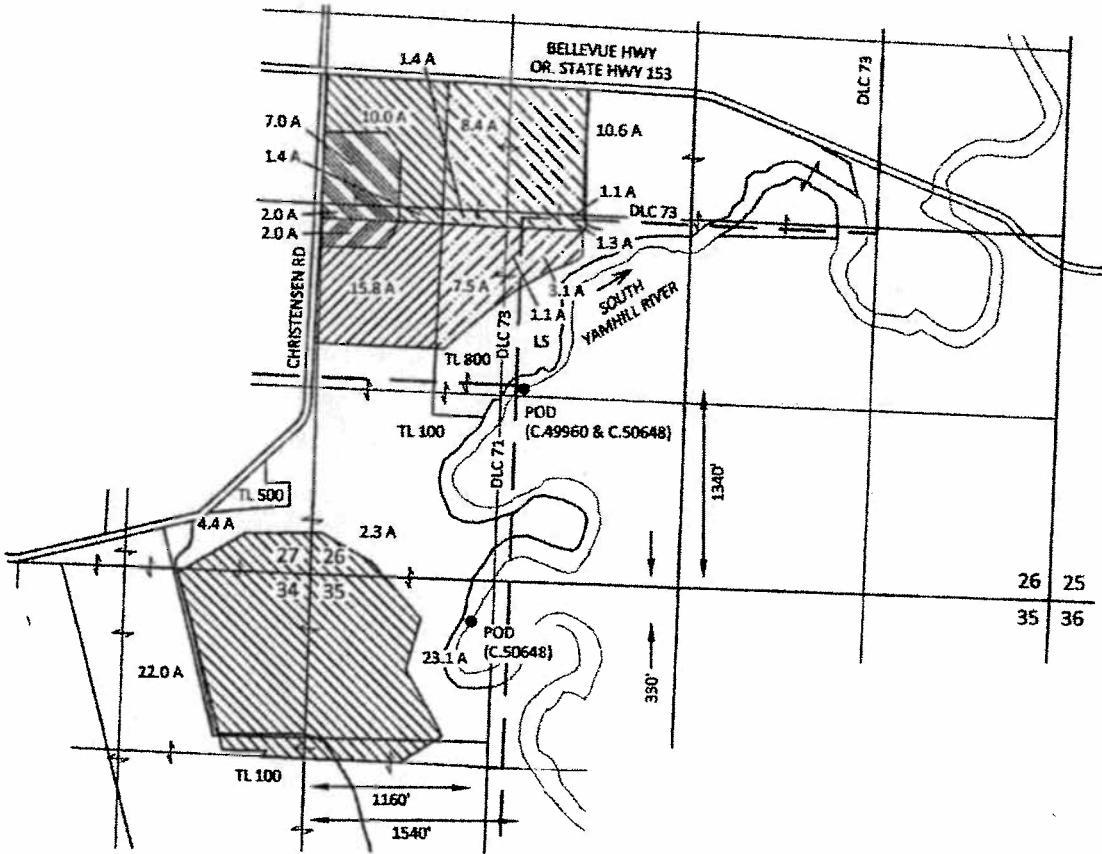
Zach Christensen
Christensen Farms

Attachment




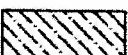



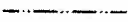
cc. Hal Lewis

Sections 26, 27, 34 & 35, T5S, R5W, W.M., Yamhill County

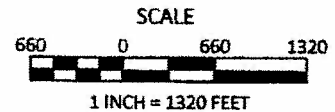
REQUEST FOR REVERSIONS IN T-11478
Christensen Farms LLC



EXPLANATION

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|  | CANCELED CERTIFICATE 49960
CHRISTENSEN FARMS LLC OWNED LANDS
15.8 ACRES
PRIORITY: 7/6/1976 |  | CANCELED CERTIFICATE 50648
CHRISTENSEN FARMS LLC OWNED LANDS
63.2 ACRES
PRIORITY: 5/4/1977 |
|  | CANCELED CERTIFICATE 49960
LANDS OWNED BY OTHERS
11.7 ACRES
PRIORITY: 7/6/1976 |  | CANCELED CERTIFICATE 50648
LANDS OWNED BY OTHERS
22.8 ACRES
PRIORITY: 5/4/1977 |
|  | CANCELED CERTIFICATE 49960
CHRISTENSEN FARMS LLC OWNED LANDS
SOLAR PANEL USE
2.0 ACRES
PRIORITY: 7/6/1976 |  | CANCELED CERTIFICATE 50648
CHRISTENSEN FARMS LLC OWNED LANDS
SOLAR PANEL USE
9.0 ACRES
PRIORITY: 5/4/1977 |
|  | POINT OF DIVERSION (POD) |  | PIPELINE (APPROX.) |

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This map is not intended to provide legal
dimensions or locations of property
ownership lines

FIGURE 1

1626 VICTORIAN WAY
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