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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12519

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12519. 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 503-986-0827 or duff.a.martin@oregon.gov if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Duff Martin
Transfer Specialist
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cc: Transfer Application file T-12519
Joel M. Plahn, District 16 Watermaster (*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-12519, Yamhill County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (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. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implement the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

Applicant

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Findings of Fact

1. On November 1, 2016, Philip R. Olson filed an application to change the place of use under Certificate 91708. The Department assigned the application number T-12519.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on November 8, 2016, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On January 30, 2017, the Department contacted the applicant to let them know that the senior water right, Cert 33666, will be primary irrigation and the result of T-12519 will be supplemental where layered.
4. On March 2, 2017, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12519 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of April 1, 2017, for the applicants to respond. The applicants request that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination on March 14, 2017 and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicants is authorized to pursue the transfer.

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

Certificate: 91708 in the name of ANER PATTY (perfected under Permit S-50668)
Use: IRRIGATION of 86.4 ACRES
Priority Date: JULY 8, 1988
Rate: 1.08 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, shall be 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 2.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.
Source: OLSON RESERVOIR, a tributary of SALT CREEK

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
5 S	4 W	WM	33	NE SW	550 FEET SOUTH AND 1200 FEET WEST FROM THE C1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 33

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
6 S	4 W	WM	4	NE NE		8.2
6 S	4 W	WM	4	NW NE		40.0
6 S	4 W	WM	4	SW NE		10.0
6 S	4 W	WM	4	SE NE		3.6
6 S	4 W	WM	4	NE NW	3	19.7
6 S	4 W	WM	4	SE NE	2	4.9
Total:						86.4

6. Transfer Application T-12519 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
5 S	4 W	WM	33	NE SW	0.8
5 S	4 W	WM	33	SW SW	6.8
5 S	4 W	WM	33	SE SW	0.6
5 S	4 W	WM	33	NE SE	0.9
5 S	4 W	WM	33	NW SE	1.2
5 S	4 W	WM	33	SW SE	1.3
5 S	4 W	WM	33	SE SE	0.6
6 S	4 W	WM	4	NW NW	28.6
6 S	4 W	WM	5	NE NE	38.0
6 S	4 W	WM	5	NW NE	7.6
Total:					86.4

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

7. 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.
8. 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-12519.
9. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the rights.
10. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
11. All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12519 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-12519 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12519 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 91708 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right Certificate 91708 is cancelled.*
4. *The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.*
5. *Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2018**. 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, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 7th day of April 2017.


Dwight French, Water Rights Services Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Duff Martin. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0827 or Duff.A.Martin@oregon.gov

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

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