# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-12818, Jefferson County	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
	)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

#### Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 540.505 to 540.580 establish 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 Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implement the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

#### **Applicant**

NORTON LAND COMPANY, LLC PO BOX 728 MADRAS, OR 97741

## **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On January 2, 2018, NORTON LAND COMPANY, LLC filed an application to change the place of use under Certificates 72279, 72281, 75751, and 90177. The Department assigned the application number T-12818.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on January 16, 2018, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On March 26, 2018, the Department sent a letter to the Applicant's agent regarding a few discrepancies found in the application.
- 4. On March 27, 2018, the Applicant's agent submitted a revised map and Table 2 of the application, clarifying the discrepancies outlined in the letter from the Department dated March 26, 2018.
- 5. On April 5, 2018, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12818 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of May 7, 2018, for the applicant to respond. The applicant 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.

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.

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

Certificate: 72279 in the name of NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

(perfected under Permit S-23196)

Use: IRRIGATION of 295.4 ACRES

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 28, 1913

Rate: 6.52 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, is limited to a diversion of ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) and 5.25 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year, and is further subject to the terms and conditions of the State

Engineer's Orders dated January 20, 1955 and February 4, 1955.

Source: DESCHUTES RIVER, WICKIUP RESERVOIR constructed under Permit

R-1677, and HAYSTACK RESERVOIR constructed under Permit

R-1754, tributaries of the COLUMBIA RIVER

#### **Authorized Points of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
22 S	9 E	WM	7	SW NE	WICKIUP RESERVOIR
17 S	12 E	WM	29	SE NE	DESCHUTES RIVER - 1700 FEET SOUTH AND 730 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 29
12 S	13 E	WM	27	SW NE	HAYSTACK RESERVOIR

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

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Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lots
9 S	14 E	WM	28	SW NW	0.2	
9 S	14 E	WM	28	NW SW	1.8	401
9 S	14 E	WM	28	SWSW	15.9	
9 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NE	4.2	
9 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SE	7.6	501
9 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SE	10.3	
10 S	13 E	WM	23	NWNW	9.4	
10 S	13 E	WM	23	SW NW	8.2	
10 S	13 E	WM	23	NE SW	1.3	300
10 S	13 E	WM	23	NW SW	18.0	
10 S	13 E	WM	23	SE SW	15.0	
10 S	14 E	WM	5	NE SW	22.9	900
10 S	14 E	WM	5	NW SW	35.6	900
10 S	14 E	WM	5	SE SW	9.5	1200
10 S	14 E	WM	8	NE NW	9.4	1100
10 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SE	6.7	1001
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NE	37.4	1.00
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NE	19.2	
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NW	1.9	1900
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	0.6	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SE	11.8	
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SE	25.1	

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lots
11 S	14 E	WM	31	NE NE	0.5	100
11 S	14 E	WM	31	SE NE	3.0	100
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NWNW	3.6	1000
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SWNW	16.3	1800
				TOTAL	295.4	

7. Transfer Application T-12818 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

	]	IRRIGA	TION		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW NW	30.1
11 S	14 E	WM	28	NW SW	30.9
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SW	8.3
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NE	30.0
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NE	31.1
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NW	0.1
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NW	31.6
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	32.8
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SE	32.6
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SE	30.3
11 S	14 E	WM	31	SE NE	1.4
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NE	1.2
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW NW	5.5
11 S	14 E	WM	33	NW NW	29.5
				TOTAL	295.4

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

Certificate:

72281 in the name of NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

(perfected under Permit S-25921)

Use:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 295.4 ACRES

Priority Date: JUNE 23, 1955

Rate:

1.19 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, is limited to a diversion of ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) and 4.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each

year.

Source:

CROOKED RIVER, tributary of the DESCHUTES RIVER

## **Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
14 S	13 E	WM	13	SW NE	590 FEET NORTH AND 2790 FEET EAST FROM THE W1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 13

# **Authorized Place of Use:**

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Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot
9 S	14 E	WM	28	SW NW	0.2	
9 S	14 E	WM	28	NW SW	1.8	401
9 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SW	15.9	
9 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NE	4.2	
9 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SE	7.6	501
9 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SE	10.3	
10 S	13 E	WM	23	NWNW	9.4	
10 S	13 E	WM	23	SW NW	8.2	1
10 S	13 E	WM	23	NE SW	1.3	300
10 S	13 E	WM	23	NW SW	18.0	1
10 S	13 E	WM	23	SE SW	15.0	1
10 S	14 E	WM	5	NE SW	22.9	000
10 S	14 E	WM	5	NW SW	35.6	900
10 S	14 E	WM	5	SE SW	9.5	1200
10 S	14 E	WM	8	NE NW	9.4	1100
10 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SE	6.7	1001
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NE	37.4	
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NE	19.2	1
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NW	1.9	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	0.6	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SE	11.8	1
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SE	25.1	1
11 S	14 E	WM	31	NE NE	0.5	100
11 S	14 E	WM	31	SE NE	3.0	100
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NW NW	3.6	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW NW	16.3	1800
		•		TOTAL	295.4	

9. Transfer Application T-12818 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

	SUPPLEM	ENTAL	IRRI	GATION	×
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW NW	30.1
11 S	14 E	WM	28	NW SW	30.9
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SW	8.3
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NE	30.0
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NE	31.1
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NW	0.1
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NW	31.6
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	32.8
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SE	32.6
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SE	30.3
11 S	14 E	WM	31	SE NE	1.4
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NE	1.2
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW NW	5.5
11 S	14 E	WM	33	NW NW	29.5
				TOTAL	295.4

#### 10. The portion of the third right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 75751 in the names of MAPLE LAKE LIVESTOCK CO. INC. AND

NORTHWEST FARM CREDIT SERVICES, ACA

(perfected under Permit S-45102)

IRRIGATION OF 172.4 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION **OF 398.6 ACRES** 

Use:

Priority Date: APRIL 17, 1980 Rate: 8.01 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

Limit/Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right exiting for the same lands, is limited to

ONE-FORTIETH 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 4.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the period from April 1 to September 30, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 1.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated from October 1 to March 31, provided further that the right allowed herein shall not exceed 4.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated in any one year. The use of water during the period from October 1 to March 31 as authorized herein shall not establish priority of right as against future appropriations of surface water for beneficial uses or for storage for such beneficial uses other than similar rights for irrigation from October 1 through March 31, provided further that the right allowed herein for supplemental irrigation shall be limited to any deficiency in the available supply of any prior right existing for the same land and shall not exceed the limitation allowed herein.

Source: WILLOW CREEK, tributary of DESCHUTES RIVER

#### **Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
11 S	14 E	WM	31	SE NE	1440 FEET SOUTH AND 1080 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 31

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

	]	RRIGA	TION		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW NW	40.0
11 S	14 E	WM	28	NW SW	40.0
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SW	16.5
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NE	2.6
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NE	20.8
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NWNW	5.5
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SWNW	4.5
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NW	5.8
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	3.8
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SW	4.4
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SW	2.4
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SE	23.3
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SE	0.5
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SE	2.3
				TOTAL	172.4

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11. Transfer Application T-12818 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

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Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	0-0	Acres
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW NW	7.7
11 S	14 E	WM	28	NW SW	8.0
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SW	12.0
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NE	8.0
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NE	7.0
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NW	38.8
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NW	9.9
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	3.3
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SW	35.5
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SW	0.1
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SE	0.3
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SE	5.7
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SE	8.8
11 S	14 E	WM	31	NE NE	2.4
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NE	1.0
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SE NE	3.4
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW SW	14.1
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SE SW	6.7
				TOTAL	172.4

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres			
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SW	1.9			
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NWNW	9.3			
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	2.9			
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SW	1.1			
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SWSW	27.8			
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SW	38.5			
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SE	26.5			
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SE	33.9			
11 S	14 E	WM	31	NE NE	0.1			
11 S	14 E	WM	31	SE NE	7.1			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NE	35.3			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NW NE	31.4			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW NE	29.6			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NW	37.0			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NWNW	26.1			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SWNW	20.4			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SE NW	37.2			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NW SE	30.5			
11 S	14 E	WM	33	NW NW	2.0			
				TOTAL	398.6			

### 12. The portion of the forth right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 90177 in the name of NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

(perfected under Permit S-33954)

Use: IRRIGATION of 402.3 ACRES

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 18, 1968

Rate: 9.27 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, is limited to a diversion of ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent), and 3.97 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year. This right is further subject to the terms and conditions of: 1). a stipulation between the North Unit Irrigation District and the Oregon State Game Commission, recorded in Miscellaneous Records of the Water Resources Department at Volume 4, Page 2028; 2) the Interoffice Memo

regarding North Unit Irrigation District Water Accounting dated July 12, 1996, recorded in Miscellaneous Records of the Water Resources Department at Volume 9, Pages 225-226, as modified by the Crooked River Minimum Flow Agreement; and 3) the agreement between North Unit Irrigation District and the Deschutes River Conservancy referred to

as the Crooked River Minimum Flow Agreement, recorded in the Miscellaneous Records of the Water Resources Department at Volume 9,

Pages 218-224.

Source: CROOKED RIVER, a tributary of the DESCHUTES RIVER

## **Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
14 S	13 E	WM	13	SW NE	590 FEET NORTH AND 2790 FEET EAST FROM THE W1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 13

# **Authorized Place of Use:**

		IRR	UGAT	ION		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot
9 S	14 E	WM	28	SW NW	6.8	401
9 S	14 E	WM	28	NE SW	4.4	401
9 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SW	4.6	401
9 S	14 E	WM	28	SE SW	4.6	401
10 S	13 E	WM	23	NW NW	3.2	300
10 S	13 E	WM	23	SWNW	3.2	300
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW NW	22.3	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE NW	32.3	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	35.2	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SW	24.2	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SW	32.4	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SW	40.0	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SE	11.2	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SE	38.8	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SE	2.2	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NE	1.8	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NW NE	38.6	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW NE	6.9	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NW	40.0	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NW NW	30.0	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW NW	2.9	1800
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SE NW	16.7	1800
				TOTAL	402.3	

Transfer Application T-12818 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

	IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres				
11 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SW	1.9				
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NWNW	9.3				
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NE SW	2.9				
11 S	14 E	WM	29	NW SW	1.1				
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SW	27.8				
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SW	38.5				
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SW SE	26.5				
11 S	14 E	WM	29	SE SE	33.9				
11 S	14 E	WM	31	NE NE	0.1				
11 S	14 E	WM	31	SE NE	10.0				
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NE	35.3				
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NW NE	31.4				
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW NE	28.7				
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NE NW	37.0				
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NWNW	26.1				
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SW NW	22.1				
11 S	14 E	WM	32	SE NW	37.2				

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres			
11 S	14 E	WM	32	NW SE	30.5			
11 S	14 E	WM	33	NW NW	2.0			
				TOTAL	402.3			

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

- 13. 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 rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 14. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing rights were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-12818.
- 15. The proposed changes would not result in enlargement of the rights.
- 16. The proposed changes would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 17. All other application requirements are met.

### **Determination and Proposed Action**

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12818 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-12818 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12818 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 Certificates 72279, 72281, 75751, and 90177 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right certificates 72279, 72281, 75751, and 90177 are modified. The Department will issue superseding certificates describing the rights when it determines that is necessary for record keeping.
- 4. The former place of use of the transferred rights shall no longer receive water under the rights.
- 5. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2019**. 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. When satisfactory proof of the completed changes is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued. Confirming Certificates will be issued in the name of North Unit Irrigation District for Certificates 72279, 72281, and 90177.

Dated at Salem, Oregon,

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Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for

Thomas M. Byler, Director

Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Jessica Joye. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0814 or Jessica.L.Joye@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.

Notice Regarding Service Members: Active duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. App. §§501-597b. You may contact the Oregon State Bar or the Oregon Military Department for more information. The toll-free telephone number for the Oregon State Bar is: 1 (800) 452-8260. The toll-free telephone number of the Oregon Military Department is: 1 (800) 452-7500. The Internet address for the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Legal Services Locator website is: <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a>