July 9, 2018

WESTWOOD FARMS
PO BOX 82
SAINT PAUL, OR 97137

SUBJECT: Ground Water Registration Modification T-12494

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12494. This document is an intermediate step in the approval process; water may not be used legally as proposed in the ground water registration modification 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 Silverton Appeal 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 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 503-986-0806 or arla.l.heard@oregon.gov if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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