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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12611

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12611. 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 Dallas Itemizer-Observer 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 <u>corey.a.courchane@oregon.gov</u> or (503) 986-0825, if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

cc:

Corey Courchane Transfer Specialist Transfer and Conservation Section

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