

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-12859, Harney County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF
)	ADDITIONAL POINTS OF
)	APPROPRIATION AND 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.

Applicants

PATTIL WILSON
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HINES OR 97738-9439

SHAUN AND MICHELLE STEINBECK
67564 SCOTT ROAD
HINES OR 97738-9439

Findings of Fact

1. On March 1, 2018, PATTIL WILSON AND SHAUN AND MICHELLE STEINBECK filed an application for additional points of appropriation and a change in place of use under Certificates 92939 and 93552. The Department assigned the application number T-12859.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on March 6, 2018, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On August 14, 2018, the department received an amended map from the applicant.
4. On August 24, 2018, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12859 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of September 24, 2018, for the applicants to respond. The applicants requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicants are authorized to pursue the transfer (or amended the application or did not respond by the deadline) and requested a five year completion date.

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 first right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 92939 in the name of PATTI WILSON (perfected under Permit G-16400)
Use: IRRIGATION of 51.1 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 2.1 ACRES
Priority Date: FEBRUARY 19, 2008
Rate: 0.665 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND
Limit/Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.
Period of Use: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31
Source: A WELL within the SAGE HEN CREEK BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SW SE	WELL 1 - 860 FEET SOUTH AND 820 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF THE SWSE OF SECTION 18

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SE SW		5.2
24 S	30 E	WM	18	NW SE		29.3
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SW SE		15.4
24 S	30 E	WM	19	NW NE		1.0
24 S	30 E	WM	19	NW NW	1	0.2
Total						51.1

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
24 S	30 E	WM	18	NW SE	2.1

6. Transfer Application T-12859 proposes additional points of appropriation approximately 2640 feet for WELL 2 and 9500 feet for WELL 3 from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
24 S	30 E	WM	19	NW NW	1	WELL 2 - 80 FEET SOUTH AND 860 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 19
24 S	29 E	WM	12	SW SW		WELL 3 - 40 FEET NORTH AND 410 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 12

7. Transfer Application T-12859 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	POA
24 S	29 E	WM	12	SW SW	38.0	WELL 3
24 S	30 E	WM	18	NW SE	6.5	WELLS 1 & 2
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SW SE	6.6	WELLS 1 & 2
Total					51.1	

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	POA
24 S	30 E	WM	18	NW SE	2.1	WELLS 1 & 2

8. The second right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 93552 in the name of PATTI WILSON (perfected under Permit G-6468)

Use: IRRIGATION of 104.7 ACRES

Priority Date: MARCH 31, 1975

Rate: 1.31 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS), FURTHER LIMITED TO 1.07 CFS FROM ORIGINAL WELL AND 1.16 CFS FROM NEW WELL, NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL CUMULATIVE RATE OF 1.31 CFS

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 3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: TWO WELLS within the SAGE HEN CREEK BASIN

Authorized Points of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SW SE		ORIGINAL WELL (WELL 1) - 860 FEET SOUTH AND 820 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF THE SWSE OF SECTION 18
24 S	30 E	WM	19	NW NW	1	ADDITIONAL WELL (WELL 2) - 80 FEET SOUTH AND 860 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 19

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SW SW	4	40.5
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SE SW		31.3
24 S	30 E	WM	18	NW SE		7.8
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SW SE		22.5
24 S	30 E	WM	19	NW NW	1	2.6
Total						104.7

9. Transfer Application T-12859 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SW SW	4	36.9
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SE SW		30.4
24 S	30 E	WM	18	NW SE		18.1
24 S	30 E	WM	18	SW SE		19.3
Total						104.7

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

10. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the rights. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
11. 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-12859.
12. The proposed changes would not result in enlargement of the rights.
13. The proposed changes would not result in injury to other water rights.
14. All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

The additional points of appropriation and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12859 appear 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-12859 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The additional points of appropriation and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12859 are 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 92939 and 93552 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right Certificates 92939 and 93552 are cancelled.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the additional points of appropriation, together with that diverted at the original points of appropriation, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original points of appropriation.*

5. *Water use measurement conditions:*
 - a. *Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device at each point of appropriation (new and existing).*
 - b. *The water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order.*
 - c. *The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meters or measuring devices are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.*
6. *Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.*
7. *The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.*
8. *Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2024**. 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 changes and full beneficial use of the water.*
9. *After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this NOV 19 2018,



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

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Marcy Osborn. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 541-523-8224 ext.228 or marcy.j.osborn@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: <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>



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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12859

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12859. 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 Burns Times Herald 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 503-986-0886 or Patrick.K.Starnes@oregon.gov if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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