BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-13039, Klamath County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN
)	ADDITIONAL POINT OF
)	APPROPRIATION

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

BENTON ETHAN DEMAREE MORGAN PARKER DEMAREE PO BOX 292 SAN LUCAS, CA 93954

Findings of Fact

- 1. On October 4, 2018, BENTON ETHAN DEMAREE and MORGAN PARKER DEMAREE filed an application for an additional point of appropriation under Certificates 93773. The Department assigned the application number T-13039.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on October 9, 2018, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On August 21, 2019 the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to deny Transfer Application T-13039 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of September 20, 2019, 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 applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer.
- 4. On September 16, 2019, the Department received the following items to meet the requirements for completeness.
 - A completed and signed Land Use Form.
 - The fee for an additional point of appropriation of \$410.00.
 - A map that meets the standards of OAR 690-380-3100.

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.

5. The right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 93773 in the name of BENTON ETHAN DEMAREE, MORGAN PARKER

DEMAREE and AMERICAN AG CREDIT (perfected under Permit

G-15739)

Use: IRRIGATION USE ON 134.87 ACRES

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 24, 2003

Rate: 1.1 CUBIC FEET 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 IN SPRAGUE RIVER BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q GLot		Measured Distances
36 S	10 E	WM	3	NW NE	2	990 FEET SOUTH AND 1980 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 3

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres	
35 S	10 E	WM	34	NE SE		11.60	
35 S	10 E	WM	34	NW SE		5.00	
35 S	10 E	WM	34	SW SE		40.00	
35 S	10 E	WM	34	SE SE		40.00	
36 S	10 E	WM	3	NW NE	2	38.27	
				· ·	Total	134.87	

6. Transfer Application T-13039 proposes an additional point of appropriation approximately 0.5 mile from the existing point of appropriation to:

	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Survey Coordinates
F	35 S	10 E	WM	34	NW SE	Latitude 42.4909600, Longitude -121.5132400

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 7. Water has been used within the last five years prior to the submittal of transfer application 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-13039.
- 9. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 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 additional point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-13039 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-13039 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 12. The additional point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-13039 is approved.
- 13. 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 93773 and any related decree.
- 14. Water right Certificate 93773 is cancelled.
- 15. The quantity of water diverted at the additional point of appropriation (Well 2), together with that diverted at the original point of appropriation (Well 1), shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation (Well 1).
- 16. Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.
- 17. 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 change and full beneficial use of the water.
- 18. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

NOV 04-2019

Lisa J. Jaramillo, Fransfer and Conservation Section Manager, for

THOMAS M BYLER, DIRECTOR

Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Scott Grew. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach him at scott.a.grew@oregon.gov or 503-986-0890.

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 servicemembers have a right to stay these proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at /800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571, or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through http://legalassistance.law.af.mil. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll free number.



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November 4, 2019

Applicant

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-13039

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-13039. 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 Klamath Herald and News 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 contact me at scott.a.grew@oregon.gov or 503-986-0890 if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Transfer Specialist

Scott Grew

cc: T-13039

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