# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-13231, Tillamook County	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN
	)	ADDITIONAL POINT OF DIVERSION

## 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

DON ATWOOD 605 SE 26<sup>TH</sup> AVE HILLSBORO, OR 97123

# **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On July 29, 2019, DON ATWOOD filed an application for an additional point of diversion under Certificate 24351. The Department assigned the application number T-13231.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on August 6, 2019, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On September 2, 2020, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-13231.
- 4. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 24351 in the name of ROSS R. DEAN (perfected under Permit S-22798)

Use: DOMESTIC USE 1 FAMILY

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 4, 1954

Rate: 0.005 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Source: HATCHERY CREEK, tributary of WILSON RIVER

#### Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
1 S	8 W	WM	7	SW SE	Not described on Certificate

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.

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

DOMESTIC USE 1 FAMILY						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q		
1 S	8 W	WM	18	NW NE		

Lands on which water is to be used is part of that described as follows: Lot 18, 1 house: Reeher's Tracts.

- 5. In more recent years the lands to which this water right is pertinent have been assigned tax lot numbers. The tax lot number for the lands involved in this transfer is 2100.
- 6. Transfer Application T-13231 proposes an additional point of diversion approximately 1500 feet downstream on the Wilson River to:

ĺ	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax lot	Measured Distances
	1 S	8 W	WM	7	SW SE	2100	834 FEET SOUTH AND 1702 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 18

7. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that a fish screen is necessary at the new point of diversion to prevent fish from entering the diversion to prevent fish from entering that diversion and that the diversion is not currently equipped with an appropriate fish screen. This diversion may be eligible for screening cost-share funds.

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

- 8. Water has been used within the five-year period prior to submittal of the 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.
- 9. A diversion pump and pipeline 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-13231. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 10. The original point of diversion is located on Hatch Creek which is a tributary of the Wilson River. Water flows from Hatch Creek into the Wilson River and will be picked up at the additional point of diversion.
- 11. All other application requirements are met.

#### **Determination and Proposed Action**

The additional point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-13231 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-13231 is approved, the final order will include the following:

The additional point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-13231 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 Certificate 24351 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right Certificate 24351 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
- 4. The quantity of water diverted at the additional point of diversion, together with that diverted at the original point of diversion, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available in Hatchery Creek at the original point of diversion.
- 5. Prior to diverting water, the water user shall install an approved fish screen at the new point of diversion and shall provide to the OWRD a written statement from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) that the installed screen meets the state's criteria, or that ODFW has determined a screen is not necessary.
  The water user shall operate and maintain the fish screen at the new point of diversion consistent with ODFW's operational and maintenance standards. If ODFW determines the
- screen is not functioning properly, and is unsuccessful in working with the water user to meet ODFW standards, ODFW may request that OWRD regulate the use of water until OWRD receives notification from ODFW that the fish screen is functioning properly.

  6. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or
- before October 1, 2021. 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.
- 7. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

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

THOMAS M BYLER, DIRECTOR Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Joan Smith. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0892 or Joan.M.Smith@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.

IMPORTANT: Due to COVID-19, the Department's office is closed to walk-in services. The Department encourages the submission of protests by U.S. Mail. Please consider mailing early to ensure the Department receives the protest by the deadline specified above.

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 <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a>. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll free number.



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October 14, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

**Applicant** 

DON ATWOOD 605 SE 26<sup>TH</sup> HILLSBORO, OR. 97123

SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-13231

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-13231. 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, 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 503-986-0892 or Joan.M.Smith@wrd.state.or.us if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith

Transfer Specialist

Transfer and Conservation Section

cc:

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Nikki M. Hendricks, District 1 Watermaster (via e-mail)

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