

Application for
Water Right Instream Transfer
 Part 1 of 5 – Minimum Requirements Checklist



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This transfer application will be returned if Parts 1 through 6 and all required attachments are not completed and included.
 For questions, please call (503) 986-0900, and ask for Transfer Section.

FOR ALL INSTREAM TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

Check all items included with this application. (N/A = Not Applicable)

- Part 1 – Completed Minimum Requirements Checklist.
 - Part 2 – Completed Map Checklist.
 - FEE** – Application Fee required by ORS 536.050, payable by check to the Oregon Water Resources Department, the online fee calculator is located:
http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_fee_calculator/.
 Note: Instream transfers are considered both a change in place of use and character of use. In addition, an automatic 50% fee waiver applies to all instream transfers.
 - Part 3 – Completed Applicant Information and Signature.
 - Part 4 – Completed Instream Use Information.
 - Part 5 – Information about the Transferred Water Rights: **How many water rights are to be transferred? 1 List them here: 94012**
 Please include a separate Part 6 for each water right. (See instructions on page 8)
- Attachments:**
- Completed Instream Transfer Application Map.
 - Completed Evidence of Use Affidavit and supporting documentation.
 - N/A Affidavit(s) of Consent from Landowner(s) (if the applicant does not own the land the water right is on.)
 - N/A Supplemental Form D – For water rights served by or issued in the name of an irrigation district. Complete when the transfer applicant is not the irrigation district.
 - Land Use Notice - Notice of the intent to file an instream transfer application must be provided to each affected local government along the proposed reach. Copies of the notices must be enclosed with the instream transfer application.

(For Staff Use Only)

WE ARE RETURNING YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON(S):

___ Application fee not enclosed/insufficient	___ Map not included or incomplete
___ Land Use Form not enclosed or incomplete	___ Part ___ is incomplete
___ Additional signature(s) required	
Other/Explanation _____	
Staff: _____	503- _____ Date: ___/___/___

Part 2 of 5 – Map Checklist

Part 3 of 5 – Applicant Information and Signature

Your transfer application will be returned if any of the map requirements listed below are not met.

Please be sure that the transfer application map you submit includes all the required items and matches the existing water right map. Check all boxes that apply.

- N/A Certified Water Right Examiner (CWRE) Stamp and Original Signature. For list of CWREs see http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/wr/cwre_license_view/.
- OR**
- N/A Waiver of requirement that map be prepared by a CWRE. Completed map waiver form is signed by the Department's Regional Manager and included in the application. The map **must** still meet Department mapping requirements described below.
- N/A If **more than three** water rights are involved, separate maps are needed for each water right.
- Permanent quality printed with dark ink on good quality paper.
- The size of the map can be 8½ x 11 inches, 8½ x 14 inches, 11 x 17 inches, or up to 30 x 30 inches. For 30 x 30 inch maps, one extra copy is required.
- A north arrow, a legend, and scale.
- The scale of the map must be: 1 inch = 400 feet, 1 inch = 1,320 feet, the scale of the Final Proof/Claim of Beneficial Use Map (the map used when the permit was certificated), the scale of the county assessor map if the scale is not smaller than 1 inch = 1,320 feet, or a scale that has been pre-approved by the Department.
- Township, Range, Section, quarter-quarter, DLC, Government Lot, and other recognized public land survey lines.
- Tax lot boundaries (property lines) are required. Tax lot numbers are recommended.
- Major physical features including rivers and creeks showing direction of flow, lakes and reservoirs, roads, and railroads.
- Major water delivery system features from the point(s) of diversion/appropriation such as main pipelines, canals, and ditches.
- Existing place of use that includes separate hachuring for each water right, priority date and use including number of acres in each quarter-quarter section, government lot, or in each quarter-quarter section as projected within government lots, donation land claims, or other recognized public land survey subdivisions. If less than the entirety of the water right is being changed, a separate hachuring is needed for lands left unchanged.
- Existing diversion point(s) with distance and bearing or coordinates from a recognized survey corner. This information can generally be found in your water right certificate or permit.

Is this a Permanent Instream Transfer or Time-Limited Instream Transfer?

Applicant Information

APPLICANT/BUSINESS NAME Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation			PHONE NO. (541) 429-7362	ADDITIONAL CONTACT NO.
ADDRESS 46411 Ti'mine Way				FAX NO.
CITY Pendleton	STATE Oregon	ZIP 97801	E-MAIL jdtovey@ctuir.org	
BY PROVIDING AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, CONSENT IS GIVEN TO RECEIVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY. COPIES OF THE FINAL ORDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE MAILED.				

Agent Information – The agent is authorized to represent the applicant in all matters relating to this application.

AGENT/BUSINESS NAME Jessica Humphreys / Trout Unlimited			PHONE NO. 541-913-3750	ADDITIONAL CONTACT NO.
ADDRESS 401 NE 1st St.				FAX NO.
CITY Enterprise	STATE Oregon	ZIP 97828	E-MAIL Jessica.humphreys@tu.org	
BY PROVIDING AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, CONSENT IS GIVEN TO RECEIVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY. COPIES OF THE FINAL ORDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE MAILED.				

Explain in your own words what you propose to accomplish with this transfer application, and why:
 Legally transfer the entirety of one surface irrigation water right to OWRD for an instream water right to protect surface flows from the point of diversion to the confluence of Little Creek. The goal is to restore summer habitat in Catherine Creek for Chinook salmon, steelhead, lamprey and restoration of the aquatic ecosystem.

If you need additional space, continue on a separate piece of paper and attach to the application as "Attachment 1".

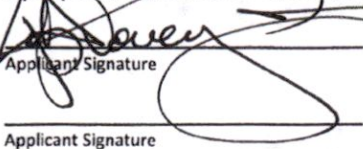
Check this box if this project is fully or partially funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. (Federal stimulus dollars)

Check one box

- By signing this application, I understand that, upon receipt of the draft preliminary determination and prior to Department approval of the transfer, I will be required to provide landownership information and evidence that I am authorized to pursue the transfer as identified in OAR 690-380-4010(5); **OR**
- I affirm the applicant is a municipality as defined in ORS 540.510(3)(b) and that the right is in the name of the municipality or a predecessor; **OR**
- I affirm that the applicant is an entity with the authority to condemn property and is acquiring by condemnation the property to which the water right proposed for transfer is appurtenant and have supporting documentation.

I understand that prior to Department approval of the transfer, I may be required to submit payment to the Department for publication of a notice in a newspaper with general circulation in the area where the water right is located, once per week for two consecutive weeks. If more than one qualifying newspaper is available, I suggest publishing the notice in the following newspaper: _____.

I (we) affirm that the information contained in this application is true and accurate.

 **J. David Tovey, Jr. (Executive Director)**
 Applicant Signature Print Name (and Title if applicable) Date

Yes No Is the applicant the sole owner of the land on which the water right, or portion thereof, proposed for transfer is located? *If NO, include signatures of all deeded landowners (and mailing and/or e-mail addresses if different than the applicant's) or attach affidavits of consent*

(and mailing and/or e-mail addresses) from all landowners or individuals/entities to which the water right(s) were conveyed.

Check the following boxes that apply:

- Check here if any of the water rights proposed for transfer are located within or served by an irrigation district or other water district before the transfer. (Tip: Complete and attach Supplemental Form D.)

IRRIGATION DISTRICT NAME	ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE	ZIP

- Check here if water for any of the rights is supplied under a water service agreement or other contract for stored water with a federal agency or other entity.

ENTITY NAME	ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE	ZIP



To meet State Land Use Consistency Requirements, you must list all local governments (each county, city, municipal corporation, or tribal government) within whose jurisdiction the proposed instream reach will be located.

ENTITY NAME Union County Planning Department	ADDRESS 1001 Fourth St. Suite C	
CITY La Grande	STATE Oregon	ZIP 97859

ENTITY NAME City of Union Administrator	ADDRESS PO Box 529	
CITY Union	STATE Oregon	ZIP 97883

ENTITY NAME Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation	ADDRESS 46111 Timine Way	
CITY Pendleton	STATE Oregon	ZIP 97801

ENTITY NAME	ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE	ZIP

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CITY	STATE	ZIP

Part 4 of 5 – Proposed Instream Use Information

Identify the Public Use for which the instream right is requested (check at least one box):

- Conservation, maintenance and enhancement of aquatic and fish life, wildlife, fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values.
- Recreation
- Navigation
- Pollution Abatement

Instream use proposed to be created by the instream transfer:

Originating Water Right Number (as identified in Part 5)	Priority Date	Source	Proposed Instream Period	Rate (cfs)*	Volume (ac-ft)**
94012	1866	Catherine Cr a tributary to the Grande Ronde River	July 15 to September 13.	1.075	129
TOTAL VOLUME					129

***Tip:** To calculate rate (if other than the rate allowed by the right), divide the volume by the number of days in the period and then divide by 1.983471; or

****Tip:** To calculate volume, multiply the rate by the number of days in the instream period and then multiply by 1.983471.

Note: The instream rate may not exceed the max rate allowed by the existing right(s) and the total volume may not exceed to max volume or duty allowed by the existing right(s).

Additional Information: This transfer is consistent with IL-2067 except length of protected period extended by one day due to rounding.

Identify the location of the proposed instream water right.

- Water is requested to be protected at a point.
Location (i.e. the point of diversion (POD) – use the POD Name or Number from Table 1): _____.
- Water is requested to be protected within a reach:
Location of proposed reach (If an instream water right reach is requested, identify the upstream and downstream extent of the reach): From POD to confluence with Little Creek.

Recommendations for conditions on the instream use to avoid taking away or impairing existing water rights.

- None
- Other (such conditions may include, but are not limited to, reductions in the instream flow levels in cfs per month or total ac-ft, the effective reach(es) or lake levels of the instream flow, measuring locations and the strategy for monitoring the instream flow or lake levels): _____.

Are there any existing instream water rights on the same point or within the same requested reach(es) or lake, or on a portion thereof?

- No Yes (identify other instream water rights): 59537.

Note: New instream water rights are generally (but not always) additive to instream water rights established under ORS 537.348 (instream transfer application process) and ORS 537.470 (allocation of conserved water) and replace a portion of instream water rights established under ORS 537.341 (state agency application process) or ORS 537.346 (conversion of minimum perennial streamflows) with an earlier priority date.

Is it your intent to have the proposed instream water right transfer be additive to any instream water right established under ORS 537.348 and ORS 537.470 and replace a portion of any instream water right established under ORS 537.341 and ORS 537.346 with an earlier priority date?

- Yes No. If no, please explain your intent: _____.

If the proposed conversion would add to the amounts of an existing instream water right(s) established under ORS 537.341 or 537.346, provide documentation demonstrating why additional instream flows are necessary. Supporting documentation should include information from the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) (fish life), Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) (pollution abatement), and/or Parks and Recreation Dept. (recreation).

Is the requested instream flow intended to exceed the estimated average natural flow or level occurring from the drainage system?

- No; OR
- Yes (Provide supporting documentation that demonstrates why additional flows are significant for the public use requested.); OR
- Yes, and it is presumed that flows that exceed the estimated average natural flow or natural lake levels are significant because:
- The requested flow does not exceed the maximum amount of any instream water right application applied for under ORS 537.341 (state agency instream water right application process) for the same reach or portion thereof, and the requested public use is for the same public use as the afore mentioned instream water right application, and
 - For the specified time period that flows are requested to exceed the estimated average natural flow or lake level, the stream is in an ODFW flow restoration priority watershed. A copy of the priority watershed map indicating the specific watershed involved should be included with the application. Priority watershed maps may be found on the OWRD web page; or
 - The stream is listed as water quality limited and DEQ has provided scientific information that demonstrates that increased flows would improve water quality. The scientific information provided by DEQ should be included with the transfer application.

For a Time Limited Instream Transfer, please answer the following:

- The time-limited instream transfer is for a specific number of years:
_____ Begin Year to _____ End Year
- Time-limited instream transfer is to terminate based upon other conditions:
Conditions: _____.

Part 5 of 5 – Water Right Information

Please use a separate Part 5 for each water right being changed. See instructions on page 9, to copy and paste additional Part 5s, or to add additional rows to tables within the form.

CERTIFICATE # 94012

Name on Certificate: Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

Date(s) of Priority: 12/31/1866

Source(s) of Water to be Affected by the Transfer: Catherine Creek

Description of Water Delivery System

System capacity: 1.075 cubic feet per second (cfs) OR
 _____ gallons per minute (gpm)

Describe the current water delivery system or the system that was in place at some time within the last five years. Include information on the pumps, canals, pipelines and sprinklers used to divert, convey and apply the water at the authorized place of use. Irrigation water was delivered from the POD to the place of use through a 0.75 mile open irrigation canal. The POU was flood irrigated by one main canal and two lateral canals. The POU has not been irrigated within the last five years because the water right has been leased instream.

Other Water Rights

Are there other water right certificates, water use permits or ground water registrations associated with the "from" lands? Yes No

If YES, list the certificate, water use permit, or ground water registration numbers: _____.



Pursuant to ORS 540.510, any "layered" water use such as an irrigation right that is supplemental to a primary right proposed for transfer must be included in the transfer or be cancelled. Any change to a ground water registration must be filed separately in a ground water registration modification application.

Table 1. Location of Authorized Point(s) of Diversion (POD)

(Note: If the POD name is not specified on the certificate, assign it a name or number here. Also, if the POD is not described in the Certificate, provide a description below)

POD Name or Number	Priority Date (if different between PODs)	Twp	Rng	Sec	¼ ¼	Tax Lot, DLC or Gov't Lot	Measured Distances (from a recognized survey corner)
1		4 S	40 E	34	SE SW	5000	45.169524 -117.799633 (Sams and Miles Diversion)

Will the proposed instream transfer affect the entire water right?

Yes Then Table 2 on Page 8 does not need to be completed.

No Then complete all of Table 2 to describe the portion of the water right to be changed.

Please use additional pages of Table 2 as needed. See page 9 for instructions. If you have further questions about how to fill out the tables, contact the Department at 503-986-0900 and ask for Transfer Staff.

Table 2. Description of Change to Water Right Certificate # _____

List only the part of the right that will be changed. If more than one POD serves the lands, specify the acreage associated with each POD.

Twp		Rng			Sec		¼ ¼		Tax Lot	Gov't Lot or DLC	Acres if Applicable	Type of USE listed on Certificate	Priority Date (if not the same for all acres or type of use)	POD(s) (name or number from Table 1)
2	S	9	E	14	NE	NW		100		15.0	Irrigation	4/1/1900	POD #1 POD #2	
"	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	EXAMPLE	"	"	"	
TOTAL ACRES														

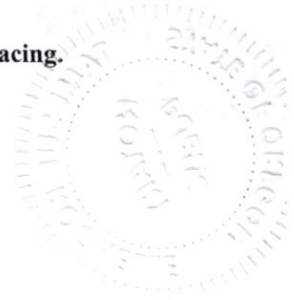
Additional remarks: _____

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Evidence of Use Affidavit



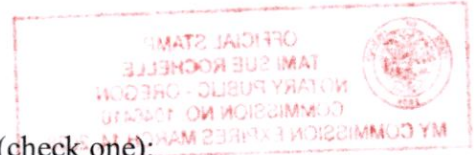
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Please print legibly or type. Be as specific as possible. Attach additional pages if you need more spacing. Supporting documentation must be attached.

State of Oregon)
) ss
 County of UMATILLA)

I, ANTON CHIONO, in my capacity as CTUIR HABITAT CONSERVATION PROJECT LEADER,
 mailing address 46411 TIMINE WAY, PENDLETON, OR
 telephone number (541)429-7268, being first duly sworn depose and say:



1. My knowledge of the exercise or status of the water right is based on (check one):

- Personal observation Professional expertise

2. I attest that:

- Water was used during the previous five years on the **entire** place of use for Certificate # ____; **OR**
- My knowledge is specific to the use of water at the following locations within the last five years:

Certificate #	Township	Range	Mer	Sec	¼ ¼	Gov't Lot or DLC	Acres (if applicable)

OR

- Confirming Certificate # ____ has been issued within the past five years; **OR**
- Part or all of the water right was leased instream at some time within the last five years. The instream lease number is: IL-2067 (Note: If the entire right proposed for transfer was not leased, additional evidence of use is needed for the portion not leased instream.); **OR**
- The water right is not subject to forfeiture and documentation that a presumption of forfeiture for non-use would be rebutted under ORS 540.610(2) is attached.
- Water has been used at the actual current point of diversion or appropriation for more than 10 years for Certificate # ____ (For Historic POD/POA Transfers)

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3. The water right was used for: (e.g., crops, pasture, etc.): _____

4. I understand that if I do not attach one or more of the documents shown in the table below to support the above statements, my application will be considered incomplete.



Signature of Affiant

12/18/2025

Date

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 18th day of Dec, 2025.



Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires: 3-14-28

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Supporting Documents	Examples
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of a water right certificate that has been issued within the last five years. (not a remaining right certificate)	Copy of confirming water right certificate that shows issue date
<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of receipts from sales of irrigated crops or for expenditures related to use of water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power usage records for pumps associated with irrigation use • Fertilizer or seed bills related to irrigated crops • Farmers Co-op sales receipt
<input type="checkbox"/> Records such as FSA crop reports, irrigation district records, NRCS farm management plan, or records of other water suppliers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District assessment records for water delivered • Crop reports submitted under a federal loan agreement • Beneficial use reports from district • IRS Farm Usage Deduction Report • Agricultural Stabilization Plan • CREP Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Aerial photos containing sufficient detail to establish location and date of photograph	<p>Multiple photos can be submitted to resolve different areas of a water right. If the photograph does not print with a "date stamp" or without the source being identified, the date of the photograph and source should be added.</p> <p>Sources for aerial photos: OSU – www.oregonexplorer.info/imagery OWRD – www.wrd.state.or.us Google Earth – earth.google.com TerraServer – www.terra-server.com</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved Lease establishing beneficial use within the last 5 years	Copy of instream lease or lease number



Union County Planning Department
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La Grande, OR 97859

January 6, 2026

City of Union Administrator
P.O. Box 529
Union, OR 97883

Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
46111 Timine Way
Pendleton, OR. 97801

To Whom It May Concern:

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) is providing notification of their intent to transfer the entirety of one surface irrigation water right to instream use. The water right was used to irrigate 43 acres on Tax Lot 5000 (located in T04S, R40E, W.M.). The Oregon Water Resource Department requires applicants intending to file an application to transfer a water right to instream purposes to notify local governments that could be affected so they can make sure the proposed new use is compatible with its comprehensive plan.

The proposed transfer will place approximately 1.075 cubic feet per second (cfs) instream from water right 94012 with an 1866 priority date. The CTUIR requested the water be protected instream from the authorized Point of Diversion (located at the SE ¼ SW ¼ Section 34, T04S, R40E, W.M.) downstream to the mouth of Little Creek at Catherine Creek a distance of approximately 9 miles.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed transfer application or are interested in receiving additional information, please contact me at 541-891-3699 or chris.brun@tu.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Brun".

CHRIS BRUN
Flow Restoration Coordinator for Union and Umatilla Counties
207 E. Park St.
Enterprise, OR 97828

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