BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-10321, Harney County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
)	CHANGE IN POINT OF
)	APPROPRIATION

Authority

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. OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

Applicant

FRED AND CONNIE KREGER 57935 LAVA BED ROAD PRINCETON, OR 97721

Findings of Fact

Background

- 1. On February 16, 2007, Fred and Connie Kreger filed an application to change the point of appropriation under Certificate 82697. The Department assigned the application number T-10321.
- 2. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 82697 in the name of Fred and Walter Kreger (perfected under Permit G-8527)

Use: IRRIGATION of 146.0 ACRES Priority Date: MARCH 29, 1979

Rate: 0.95 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND (CFS)

Limit/Duty: ONE-EIGHTIETH cfs per acre, not to exceed 3.0 acre-feet per acre per year

Source: A WELL in the MALHEUR LAKE BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer Sec		Q-Q	Survey Coordinates
26 S	33 E	WM	35	SW SE	45 FEET NORTH AND 1300 FEET EAST FROM
					THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER, SECTION 35

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:

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres			
27 S	33 E	WM	1	NE NW	39.1			
27 S	33 E	WM	1	NW NW	39.1			
27 S	33 E	WM	1	SE NW	40.0			
27 S	33 E	WM	2	NE NE	27.8			

3. Application T-10321 proposes to change the authorized point of appropriation to two wells (Wells #2 and #3) located approximately 0.31 and 0.54 mile, respectively, from the existing point of appropriation to:

	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Survey Coordinates
ľ	27 S	33 E	WM	1	NW NW	4	WELL #2 - 70 FEET SOUTH AND 285 FEET
							EAST FROM THE NW CORNER, SECTION 1
	27 S	33 E	WM	1	NW NW	4	WELL #3 - 1195 FEET SOUTH AND 1291 FEET
							EAST FROM THE NW CORNER, SECTION 1

- 4. Notice of the application for transfer was published on February 27, 2007, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 5. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the rights, and there is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 6. 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 Application T-10321.
- 7. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 8. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in point of appropriation proposed in application T-10321 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 application T-10321 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in point of appropriation proposed in application T-10321 is approved.
- 2. Water right certificate 82697 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.

- 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 82697 and any related decree.
- Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.
- 5. The quantity of water diverted at the new points of appropriation shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation.
- When required by the Department, the water user shall install, maintain and operate an inline flow meter or other suitable device for measuring and recording the quantity of water diverted. The type and plans of the measuring device must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department
- 7. The approved changes shall be completed and full beneficial use of the water shall be made on or before October 1, 2009. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Rights 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.
- When satisfactory proof of the completed change is received, a new certificate confirming the portion of the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 20 day of July

m Phillip C. Ward, Director

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Jason Spriet. If you have any questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at (541) 523-8224 or Jason.D.Spriet@wrd.state.or.us.

Protests should be addressed to the attention of Field Services Division, Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301-1266.