

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application) PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-11053, Josephine County) PROPOSING APPROVAL OF
) CHANGES IN POINT OF DIVERSION
) AND PLACE OF USE

Authority

ORS 540.505 to 540.580 establishes 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. OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department’s procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

Applicant

CAROLYN F. STRIPE
3200 QUARTZ CREEK ROAD
MERLIN, OR 97532

Findings of Fact

Background

1. On April 1, 2010, CAROLYN F. STRIPE filed an application to change the point of diversion and to change the place of use under Certificate 47291. The Department assigned the application number T-11053.
2. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 47291 in the name of JOHN C. COCHRANE (confirmed by Rogue River Decree)

Use: IRRIGATION of 2.7 ACRES and LIVESTOCK

Priority Date: 1886

Rate: 0.037 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Source: QUARTZ CREEK, tributary to JUMPOFF JOE CREEK

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
35 S	6 W	WM	6	NW SE

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	Type of Change Proposed
35 S	6 W	WM	5	SW SW	2.5	POD Only
35 S	6 W	WM	5	SW SW	0.2	POD & POU
Total					2.7	

- Certificate 47291 does not describe the location of the point of diversion; however, information is available from the Certified Water Right Examiner indicating that the point of diversion is located as follows:

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
35 S	6 W	WM	6	NW SE	830 FEET SOUTH AND 80 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF THE NWSE OF SECTION 6

- Transfer Application T-11053 proposes to move the authorized point of diversion approximately 2800 feet downstream to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
35 S	6 W	WM	5	SW SW	285 FEET NORTH AND 940 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 5

- Application T-11053 also proposes to change the place of use for a portion of the 2.7 acres involved in this transfer to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
35 S	6 W	WM	5	SW SW	0.2

- Notice of the application for transfer was published on April 13, 2010, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- This transfer application is being processed concurrently with Transfer Application T-11054.
- The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has determined that a fish screening and/or by-pass device is necessary at the new point of diversion to prevent fish from entering the diversion and/or safely transport fish back to the body of water from which the fish were diverted and that the diversion is not currently equipped with an appropriate fish screening and/or by-pass device. This diversion may be eligible for screening cost share funds.
- On May 14, 2010, the Department mailed a copy of the Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11053 to the applicant. The Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of June 18, 2010, for the applicant to respond. The applicant 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.

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

10. Water has been used within the last five years 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.
11. 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-11053.
12. The proposed changes would not result in enlargement of the right.
13. The proposed changes would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action

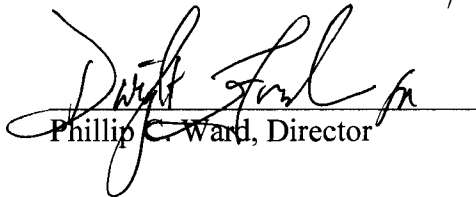
The change in point of diversion and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11053 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the transfer application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-11053 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The change in point of diversion and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11053 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 47291 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right certificate 47291 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer and Transfer Application T-11054.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the new point of diversion shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of diversion.*
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 diversion.*
 - b. *The water user shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.*
 - c. *The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.*

6. *Prior to diverting water, the water user shall install a fish screening and/or by-pass device, as appropriate, at the new point of diversion consistent with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) design and construction standards. Prior to installation, the water user shall obtain written approval from ODFW that the required screen and/or by-pass device meets ODFW's criteria. Prior to submitting a Claim of Beneficial Use, the water user must obtain written approval from ODFW that the required screening and/or by-pass device was installed to the state's criteria. The water user shall maintain and operate the fish screen and/or by-pass device, as appropriate, at the point of diversion consistent with ODFW's operational and maintenance standards.*
7. *The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.*
8. *The approved change shall be completed and full beneficial use of the water shall be made on or before **October 1, 2011**. 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.*
9. *When satisfactory proof of the completed change is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 9 day of June, 2010.


Phillip C. Ward, Director

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Teri Hranac. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0881 or Teri.K.Hranac@wrdd.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.