

**Oregon Water Resources Department  
Water Right Services Division**

Water Right Application S-89217 in the	)	FINAL ORDER
name of THOMAS DEATHERAGE and	)	APPROVING THE USE OF
SUSAN DEATHERAGE	)	STORED WATER

**Authority**

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.147 establishes the process by which an application to use stored water exclusively may be submitted. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 310 and 340 implement the statute, and provide the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating applications to use stored water exclusively.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On March 7, 2022, Thomas Deatherage and Susan Deatherage submitted an application for a water-use permit pursuant to ORS 537.147.  

**Source:** LOST CREEK RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-8142, TRIBUTARY TO ROGUE RIVER  
**Use:** IRRIGATION OF 6.0 ACRES  
**Volume:** 27 ACRE-FEET (AF)  
**Period of Use:** APRIL 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31  
**County:** JACKSON COUNTY  
**Place of Use:** SECTIONS 5 AND 8, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M.
2. The required examination fees were paid, and the minimum application requirements were met.
3. The Department has determined that the proposed use is an authorized use under the water right permit, certificate, or decree that allows the storage of water.
4. On March 22, 2022, the Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly public notice. A 30-day comment period followed.
5. The Department has not received public comments related to the possible issuance of the attached permit. Therefore, the Department has determined that no public interest issues as identified in ORS 537.170(8) have been raised.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

This is an order in other than contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 536.075 and ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to OAR 137-004-0080, you may petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

6. The application proposed to use 27.0 acre-feet for the irrigation of 6.0 acres. This is higher than the general basin-wide standard duty of 2.5 acre-feet per acre; therefore, the maximum volume has been limited to 15.0 acre-feet in the permit.

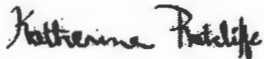
**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Application S-89217 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.147 and OAR Chapter 690.

**ORDER**

Application S-89217 is approved and Permit S-55411 is issued by the conditions contained therein.

DATED           **AUG 13 2023**          



Katherine Ratcliffe  
Water Rights Section Manager, for  
Douglas E. Woodcock, Acting Director  
Oregon Water Resources Department

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