

# WATERMASTER DIVISION 33 APPLICATION WORK SHEET

Recommendations for Water Right Applications that may affect the  
Habitat of Sensitive, Threatened or Endangered Fish Species, OAR 690-33-310 through 340.

**Application #:** G 08298      **Applicant's Name:** Well Springs Ranch Partnership

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1) Does the affected surface water source flow above ground in a defined channel into another water body?

YES       NO       SOMETIMES; between      and

2) Does the affected surface water source ever go dry in the area of the proposed diversion?     YES       NO

3) To your knowledge, has the affected surface water source of water been regulated because of insufficient flow to satisfy existing water rights including instream water rights?     YES       NO

If YES, please explain: McKay Creek is regulated daily during the summer.. The Umatilla Basin Project has 24 hour flow monitoring and irrigation regulation can be daily during March-October. Defer to groundwater section regarding hydraulic connectivity concerns.

4) Do you agree with the specified water availability, and the recommended period of use?     YES       NO       I DON'T KNOW

If NO, please explain: I agree with the preliminary determination. There is no water available for further appropriation of surface water in the McKay Creek basin. McKay Creek is closed to further appropriation. If the groundwater source effects surface water, then this water right application should be denied.

5) Did you discuss this application with staff from another agency?     YES       NO

Who:      Agency:      Date:

6) If the Initial Review is unfavorable, is mitigation an option?     YES       NO

If YES, please explain: There is no surface water mitigation water to be acquired upstream of this POA.

7) What conditions do you recommend? Regarding question 1 and 2 - This is not an area I frequent on a regular basis. I speculate by analyzing aerial photography that this is a seasonal stream. I drove out to look but the gate was shut. There was a visible channel and water flowing, approximately 5-10 cfs at time of site visit, off the property and into McKay Creek.

8) Your recommendation under OAR 690-033-0330 (2):     Approval with conditions  
 Approval without conditions  
 Denial

Watermaster Signature: Greg Silbernagel    Date: 4/24/2017

WRD Contact:      **Caseworker:** Elisabeth Graham    Water Rights Division, 503-986-0900 / Fax 503-986-0901

## MENU OF CONDITIONS FOR WRD, ODFW, DEQ AND AG

### **The following condition will be included in any permit issued unless ODFW explicitly requests that it be omitted:**

The permittee shall not construct, operate or maintain any dam or artificial obstruction to fish passage in the channel of the subject stream without providing a fishway to ensure adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish, unless the permittee has requested and been granted a fish passage waiver or exemption through the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The permittee is hereby directed to contact an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Passage Coordinator before beginning construction of any in-channel obstruction.

- fishself** The permittee shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices consistent with current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) standards. Fish screening is to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion while by-pass devices provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish. The required screen and by-pass devices are to be in place and functional prior to diversion of any water. Permittee shall obtain written approval from ODFW that the installation of the required screen and by-pass devices meets the state's criteria or the permittee shall submit documentation that ODFW has determined screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary.
- fishapprove** The permittee shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices consistent with current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) standards. Fish screening is to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion while by-pass devices provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish. The required screen and by-pass devices are to be in place and functional, and approved in writing by ODFW prior to diversion of any water. The permittee may submit evidence in writing that ODFW has determined screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary.
- fishdiv33** If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing a point of diversion, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy OAR 635-415. For purposes of mitigation, the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Goals and Standards, OAR 635-415, shall be followed.
- The use may be restricted if the quality of the source stream or downstream waters decrease to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.
- The permittee shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices consistent with current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) standards. Fish screening is to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion while by-pass devices provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish. The required screen and by-pass devices are to be in place and functional, and approved in writing by ODFW prior to diversion of any water. The permittee may submit evidence in writing that ODFW has determined screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary.
- fishmay** Notwithstanding that ODFW has made a determination that fish screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary at the time of permit issuance, the permittee may be required in the future to install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion and to provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish.
- b52** Water may be diverted only when Department of Environmental Quality sediment standards are being met.
- b5** The water user shall install and maintain adequate treatment facilities meeting current DEQ requirements to remove sediment before returning the water to the stream.
- b51a** The period of use has been limited to \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.
- b57** Before water use may begin under this permit, a totalizing flow meter must be installed at each diversion point.
- b58** Before water use may begin under this permit, a staff gage that measures the entire range and stage between full reservoir level dead pool storage must be installed in the reservoir. The staff gage shall be United States Geological Survey style porcelain enamel iron staff gage style A, C, E or I. Additionally, before water use may begin under this permit, if the reservoir is located in channel then weirs or other suitable measuring devices must be installed upstream and downstream of the reservoir, and, a gated valve outlet must be installed. A written waiver may be obtained from the local Watermaster if in his judgment the installation of the weir(s) will provide no public benefit.
- futile call** The use of water allowed herein may be made only at times when waters from the (NAME OF SURFACE WATER) would not otherwise flow into a tributary of the \_\_\_\_\_ River or sufficient water is available to satisfy all prior rights, including rights for maintaining instream flows.
- riparian** If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing a point of diversion, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy OAR 635-415. For purposes of mitigation, the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Goals and Standards, OAR 635-415, shall be followed.
- wq** The use may be restricted if the quality of the source stream or downstream waters decrease to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.
- fence** The stream and its adjacent riparian area shall be fenced to exclude livestock.
- blv** Water must be diverted to a trough or tank through an enclosed water delivery system. The delivery system must be equipped with an automatic shutoff or limiting flow control mechanism or include a means for returning water to the stream source through an enclosed delivery system. The use of water shall not exceed 0.10 cubic feet per second per 1000 head of livestock.