

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

Water Right Application S-89377 in the)	FINAL ORDER
name of LOWELL BICKLE)	APPROVING THE USE OF
)	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 June 26, 2023, Lowell Bickle submitted an application for a water-use permit pursuant to ORS 537.147:

Source: BICKLE RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-15543, TRIBUTARY TO CARL CREEK

Use: IRRIGATION OF 2.7 ACRES AND NURSERY USE ON 0.15 ACRE

Volume: 3.0 ACRE-FEET (AF), BEING 2.8 AF FOR IRRIGATION AND 0.2 AF FOR NURSERY USE

Period of Use: APRIL 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1 FOR IRRIGATION, AND JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 FOR NURSERY USE

County: JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Place of Use: SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 6 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 July 11, 2023, 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 a Final 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 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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Application S-89377 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.147 and OAR Chapter 690.

ORDER

Application S-89377 is approved and Permit S-55490 is issued as limited by the conditions contained therein.

SEP 29 2023

DATED _____



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

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