

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS**

TO: Water Rights Section Date May 1, 2006

FROM: Ground Water/Hydrology Section Michael Zwart  
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 16610 Supersedes review of N/A  
Date of Review(s)

**PUBLIC INTEREST PRESUMPTION; GROUNDWATER**

**OAR 690-310-130 (1)** *The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525. Department staff review ground water applications under OAR 690-310-140 to determine whether the presumption is established. OAR 690-310-140 allows the proposed use be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria. This review is based upon available information and agency policies in place at the time of evaluation.*

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION:** Applicant's Name: Bowyer-Peck Ranches, LLC County: Harney

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 1.96 cfs from one well(s) in the Malheur Lake Basin,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ subbasin Quad Map: New Princeton

A2. Proposed use: Irrigation, 132 acres (P) Seasonality: April 1 to October 31

A3. Well and aquifer data (attach and number logs for existing wells; mark proposed wells as such under logid):

Well	Logid	Applicant's Well #	Proposed Aquifer*	Proposed Rate(cfs)	Location (T/R-S QQ-Q)	Location, metes and bounds, e.g. 2250' N, 1200' E fr NW cor S 36
1	HARN 51209	1	Basalt	1.96	26S/33E-35 SE-NE	60' S, 60' E fr NE 1/16 cor
2						
3						
4						
5						

\* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

Well	Well Elev ft msl	First Water ft bls	SWL ft bls	SWL Date	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Draw Down (ft)	Test Type
1	4106	13	10	8/1/05	412	0-106	0-348	None	None	1020	2	P

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** Well cases and seals off the two shallow, lower production, water-bearing zones. The static level never changed.

A5.  **Provisions of the Malheur Lake Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of ground water hydraulically connected to surface water**  are, or  are not, activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

A6.  Well(s) # \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.

Name of administrative area: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. GROUND WATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070**

B1. Based upon available data, I have determined that ground water\* for the proposed use:

- a.  is over appropriated,  is not over appropriated, or  cannot be determined to be over appropriated during any period of the proposed use. \* This finding is limited to the ground water portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- b.  will not or  will likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights. \* This finding is limited to the ground water portion of the injury determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- c.  will not or  will likely to be available within the capacity of the ground water resource; or
- d.  will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing ground water rights or to the ground water resource:
  - i.  The permit should contain condition #(s) 7E;
  - ii.  The permit should be conditioned as indicated in item 2 below.
  - iii.  The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in item 3 below;

- B2.
- a.  Condition to allow ground water production from no deeper than \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
  - b.  Condition to allow ground water production from no shallower than \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
  - c.  Condition to allow ground water production only from the \_\_\_\_\_ ground water reservoir between approximately \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
  - d.  Well reconstruction is necessary to accomplish one or more of the above conditions. The problems that are likely to occur with this use and without reconstructing are cited below. Without reconstruction, I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Ground Water Section.

**Describe injury** –as related to water availability– that is likely to occur without well reconstruction (interference w/ senior water rights, not within the capacity of the resource, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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B3. **Ground water availability remarks:** SOW #183 is near the well here. However, the proposed use is such that I believe that a measurement/decline/interference condition is warranted.

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**C. GROUND WATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040**

**C1. 690-09-040 (1): Evaluation of aquifer confinement:**

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
1	Basalt, likely Tvs of GW Report #16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation:** Locally, the aquifer is confined to semiconfined below a thick clay layer; regionally, it may be in hydraulic connection with younger valley-fill sediments which are typically unconfined.

**C2. 690-09-040 (2) (3): Evaluation of distance to, and hydraulic connection with, surface water sources. All wells located a horizontal distance less than ¼ mile from a surface water source that produce water from an unconfined aquifer shall be assumed to be hydraulically connected to the surface water source. Include in this table any streams located beyond one mile that are evaluated for PSI.**

Well	SW #	Surface Water Name	GW Elev ft msl	SW Elev ft msl	Distance (ft)	Hydraulically Connected?			Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?	
						YES	NO	ASSUMED	YES	NO
1	1	Malheur Lake	4096	4090±	20000±*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation:** \*Both the surface water elevation and distance to the well will vary as the lake level changes. Currently, the lake is more distant than shown on the quadrangle map. It is very likely that the aquifer penetrated by the well ultimately discharges to Malheur Lake.

**Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within:** None

**C3a. 690-09-040 (4): Evaluation of stream impacts for each well that has been determined or assumed to be hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile from a surface water source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that surface water source, and not lower SW sources to which the stream under evaluation is tributary. Compare the requested rate against the 1% of 80% natural flow for the pertinent Water Availability Basin (WAB). If Q is not distributed by well, use full rate for each well. Any checked  box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.**

Well	SW #	Well < ¼ mile?	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
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C3b. 690-09-040 (4): Evaluation of stream impacts by total appropriation for all wells determined or assumed to be hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile from a surface water source. Complete only if Q is distributed among wells. Otherwise same evaluation and limitations apply as in C3a above.

SW #	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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C4a. 690-09-040 (5): Estimated impacts on hydraulically connected surface water sources greater than one mile as a percentage of the proposed pumping rate. Limit evaluation to the effects that will occur up to one year after pumping begins. This table encompasses the considerations required by 09-040 (5)(a), (b), (c) and (d), which are not included on this form. Use additional sheets if calculated flows from more than one WAB are required.

Non-Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
(A) = Total Interf.													
(B) = 80 % Nat. Q													
(C) = 1 % Nat. Q													
(D) = (A) > (C)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
(E) = (A / B) x 100		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

(A) = total interference as CFS; (B) = WAB calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (C) = 1% of calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (D) = highlight the checkmark for each month where (A) is greater than (C); (E) = total interference divided by 80% flow as percentage.

**Basis for impact evaluation: This section likely applies. Since Malheur Lake is not flowing, it is not possible to calculate interference as a percentage of natural flow. In using the Wozniak/Hunt analytical model for a nearby application (G-16058), very small values of interference were calculated. There is likely no point to running the model here, since this application is for a smaller quantity and interference will therefore be less.**

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**C4b. 690-09-040 (5) (b) The potential to impair or detrimentally affect the public interest is to be determined by the Water Rights Section.**

- C5.  If properly conditioned, the surface water source(s) can be adequately protected from interference, and/or ground water use under this permit can be regulated if it is found to substantially interfere with surface water:**
  - i.  The permit should contain condition #(s) \_\_\_\_\_;**
  - ii.  The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;**

**C6. SW / GW Remarks and Conditions \_\_\_\_\_**

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**References Used: A. R. Leonard, GW Report 16, OWDR, 1970; recent nearby reviews; USGS WSP #841, 1939; local well logs.**

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**D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200**

D1. Well #: 1 Logid: HARN 51209

D2. **THE WELL does not meet current well construction standards based upon:**  
a.  review of the well log;  
b.  field inspection by \_\_\_\_\_;  
c.  report of CWRE \_\_\_\_\_;  
d.  other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency:**  
a.  constitutes a health threat under Division 200 rules;  
b.  commingles water from more than one ground water reservoir;  
c.  permits the loss of artesian head;  
d.  permits the de-watering of one or more ground water reservoirs;  
e.  other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

D4. **THE WELL construction deficiency is described as follows:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D5. **THE WELL** a.  was, or  was not constructed according to the standards in effect at the time of original construction or most recent modification.  
b.  I don't know if it met standards at the time of construction.

D6.  **Route to the Enforcement Section.** I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Enforcement Section and the Ground Water Section.

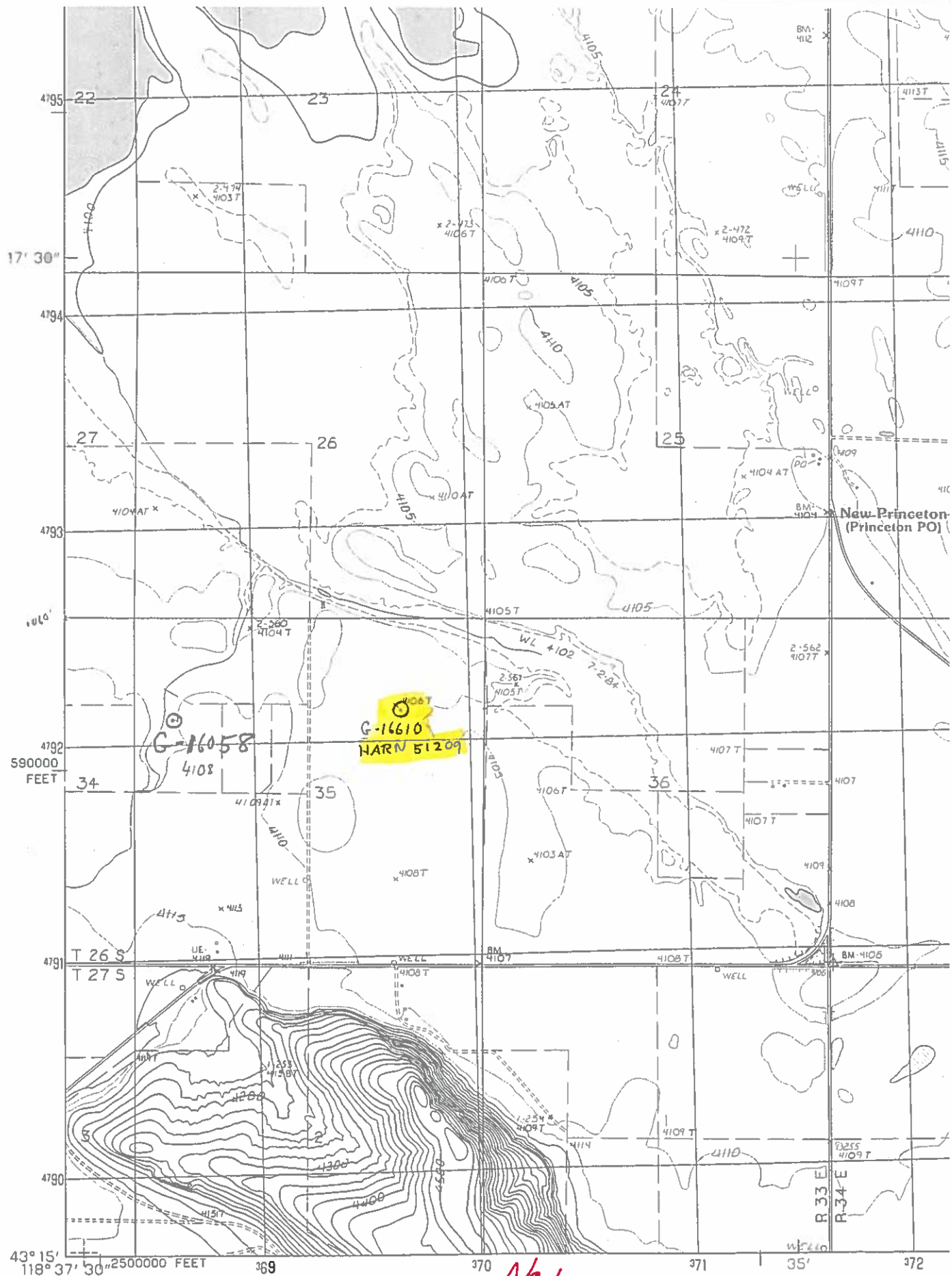
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D7.  Well construction deficiency has been corrected by the following actions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_\_  
(Enforcement Section Signature)

D8.  **Route to Water Rights Section (attach well reconstruction logs to this page).**





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 CONTROL BY..... USGS AND NOS/NOAA  
 COMPILED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN.....1984  
 FIELD CHECKED.....1986. MAP EDITED.....1990  
 PROJECTION..... LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC  
 GRID: 1000-METER UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR.....ZONE 11  
 10,000-FOOT STATE GRID TICKS..... OREGON, SOUTH ZONE  
 UTM GRID DECLINATION.....1°04' WEST  
 1990 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION.....17°00' EAST  
 VERTICAL DATUM.....NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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