PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date **December 7, 2005**

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

SUBJECT: Application G- **16564** 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: **Rich Kortge** County: **Wasco**

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) **2.0** cfs from **one** well(s) in the **Hood** Basin,
_____ subbasin Quad Map: **The Dalles South**

A2. Proposed use: **Irrigation, 454.9 ac. (P & S)** Seasonality: **March 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	**WASC 51357**	**1**	**CRB**	**2.0**	**1S/13E-3 SW-NE**	**1567' S, 2144' W fr NE cor S 13**
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	**1035**	**250***	**177**	**8/8/05**	**630**	**0-230**	**0-230**	**None**	**None**	**350**	**123**	**Air**

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments: *A shallow water-bearing zone at 25-120 feet was described, but this is cased and sealed off. Drawdown estimated from air test.**

A5. ☒ **Provisions of the Hood** 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: _____

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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) 7C;
   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): _____

B3. **Ground water availability remarks:** **Potential for water-level declines and overdraft of the resource exists virtually everywhere the Columbia River Basalt aquifers are developed, especially east of the Cascades where recharge is small. If no measurement/decline condition is used, as recommended above, then I would need to re-review the file, with the likely result being that one or both of the boxes 'will not likely be available…' being checked under B1b or B1c. Also, the attached hydrograph for nearby State Observation Well #1030 displays moderate water-level declines, notably within the last 7-8 years. If future water-level monitoring in this area discloses continued declines, I will likely find that the basalt ground water resource is over appropriated.**

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 of the Columbia River Basalt Group**	☒	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: In this area, basalt aquifers are typically confined. The static water level is well above the level of the first basalt water-bearing zone.

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? YES	NO	ASSUMED	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed? YES	NO
1	1	**Japanese Hollow**	858	1005	200	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
1	2	**Fivemile Creek**	858	880	3200	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
1	3	**Threemile Creek**	858	800	10900	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
1	4	**Eightmile Creek**	858	900	7000	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: All nearby stream reaches are above the elevation of the shallowest water-bearing zone. Hydraulic connection is likely at downstream reaches of the creeks and/or the Columbia River. However, I am not able to estimate these distances, due to the uncertain dip of beds. Water level trends at nearby wells also suggest that hydraulic connection is poor or distant from the wells.
Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Japanese Hollow > Eightmile Cr at mouth (30410536).

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: This section does not apply.

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
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
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(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 does not apply.**

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**

References Used: **Local well logs; local knowledge; reviews of nearby files, especially G-16307 and G-16318; personal communication with Marc Norton.**

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D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200

D1. **Well #:** 1 **Logid:** WASC 51357

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.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

D7. ☐ Well construction deficiency has been corrected by the following actions: _____

_____ _____, 200____.
(Enforcement Section Signature)

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

Water Resources Department

MEMO December 7, 2005

TO **Application G-**16564

FROM **GW:** Michael Zwart
(Reviewer's Name)

SUBJECT **Scenic Waterway Interference Evaluation**

☐ Yes
☑ No — The source of appropriation is within or above a Scenic Waterway

☐ Yes
☑ No — Use the Scenic Waterway condition (Condition 7J).

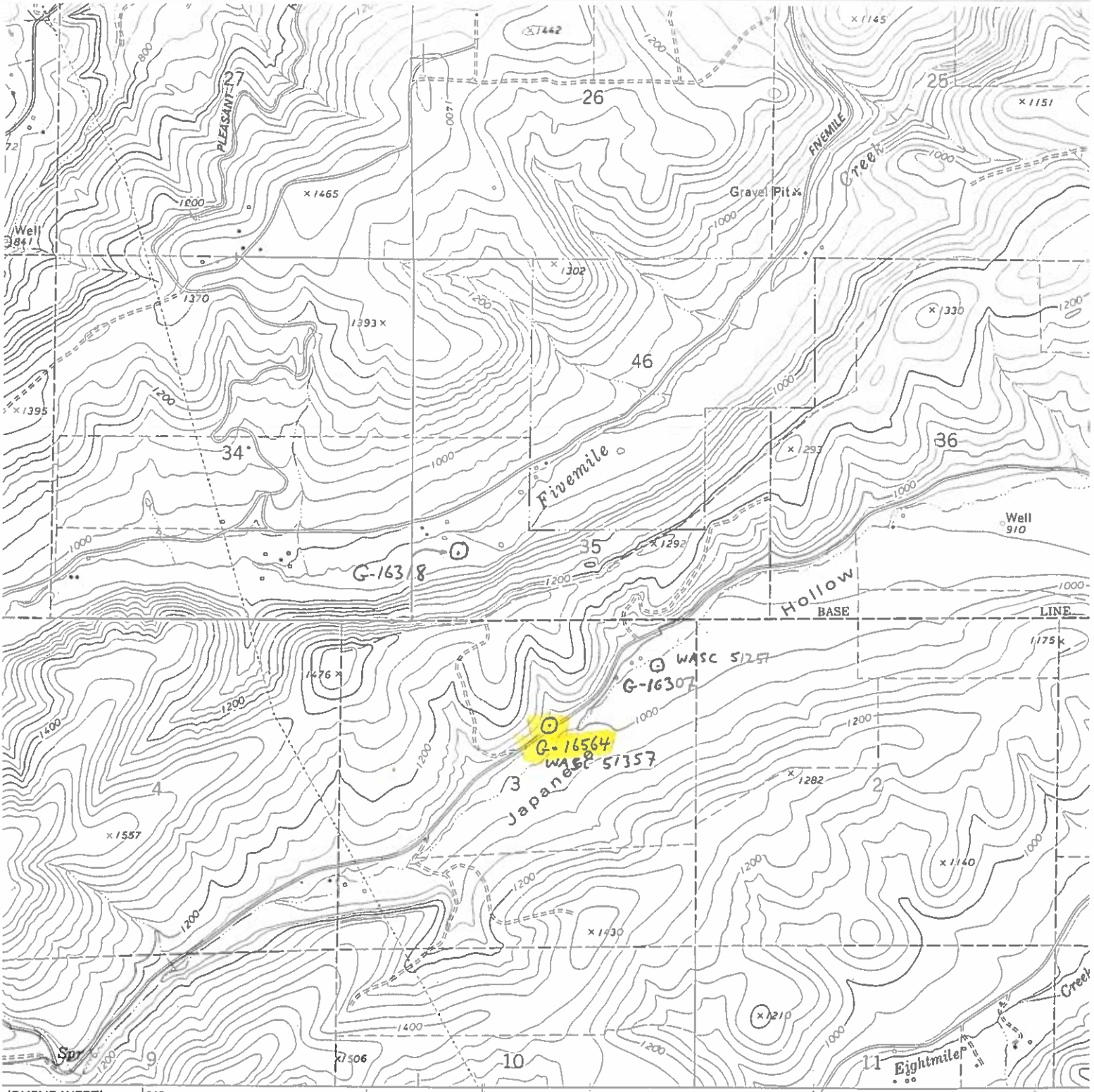
PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE FINDING: (Check box only if statement is true)

☑ At this time the Department is unable to find that there is a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use of ground water will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife.

FLOW REDUCTION: *(To be filled out only if Preponderance of Evidence box is not checked)*

Exercise of this permit is calculated to reduce monthly flows in _____ Scenic Waterway by the following amounts expressed as a proportion of the consumptive use by which surface water flow is reduced.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec



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NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
C MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface

Secondary highway, hard surface

Light-duty road, hard or improved surface

Unimproved road

Interstate Route U. S. Route State R

THE DALLES SOUTH, OREG.—W.

SW/4 THE DALLES 15' QUADRANGLE
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