

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS**

TO: Water Rights Section Date November 1, 2006  
 FROM: Ground Water/Hydrology Section Michael Zwart  
Reviewer's Name  
 SUBJECT: Application G- 16685 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: Jack and Sally Hay County: Wasco

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 3.0 cfs from two well(s) in the Hood Basin,  
Fifteen Mile Creek subbasin Quad Map: Petersburg

A2. Proposed use: Irrigation, 310.9 ac. (P) 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 51466	1	CRB	3.0	1N/14E-12 SE-NW	1910' S, 2140' E fr NW cor S 12
2	Proposed	2	CRB	3.0	1N/14E-12 NE-NW	775' S, 2180' E fr NW cor S 12
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\* 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	890	165	15	4/12/06	280	0-39	0-39	0-200	165-195	520	100	Air
2	870											

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** Brian Mayer videoed this well and has requested an amended log to correct some small discrepancies (See comments at D4). Well 2 is to be constructed similar to well 1.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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) 7N \_\_\_\_\_;
  - 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 basalt 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: Potential for water-level declines and overdraft of the resource exists virtually everywhere the Columbia River Basalt aquifers are developed, especially in Eastern Oregon 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.

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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, 2	Basalt of the Columbia River Basalt Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: Basalt aquifers are typically confined unless they are very shallow or in hydraulic connection with an overlying alluvial aquifer.**

**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	Company Hollow	875	885	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	1a	Company Hollow @ spring	875	710	7700	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	2	Eightmile Creek	875	440	11400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	1	Company Hollow	860±	870	50	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	1a	Company Hollow @ spring	860±	710	6600	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	2	Eightmile Creek	860±	430	11900	<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: Local small creeks are incised into the Dalles Fm. Major creeks are incised below the Dalles Fm. and into the CRB. Hydraulic connection is indirect or nonexistent with local reaches, but more likely where the basalt aquifer is likely to be breached. The spring identified is likely issuing from the basalt at an elevation similar to that of the water-bearing zone.**

**Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Fifteemile Cr > Col. R ab Eightmile Cr (30410546).**

**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
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Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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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:** The usual models to calculate stream depletion are not likely appropriate to use for calculation of interference with limited stream reaches or at point discharges, such as springs. However, it is very likely that pumping of the wells will impact (reduce) flows of the identified spring (see map), which discharges into surface water source #1a. Eightmile Creek is likely incised well below the aquifer at the distance identified. Hydraulic connection may be more distant at an upstream reach, depending on the regional dip.

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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:** Nearby well logs; nearby recent reviews; regional geologic mapping, esp. by Hodge, 1941; personal communication with Marc Norton & Brian Mayer.

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

D1. Well #: 1 Logid: WASC 51466

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: Brian Mayer has requested that an amended log be filed. He reported that one was received in Pendleton on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have not modified the construction information on page one, since the log is not yet on file in Salem. My review of the downhole video indicates that the review findings would not change as a result of the log being amended.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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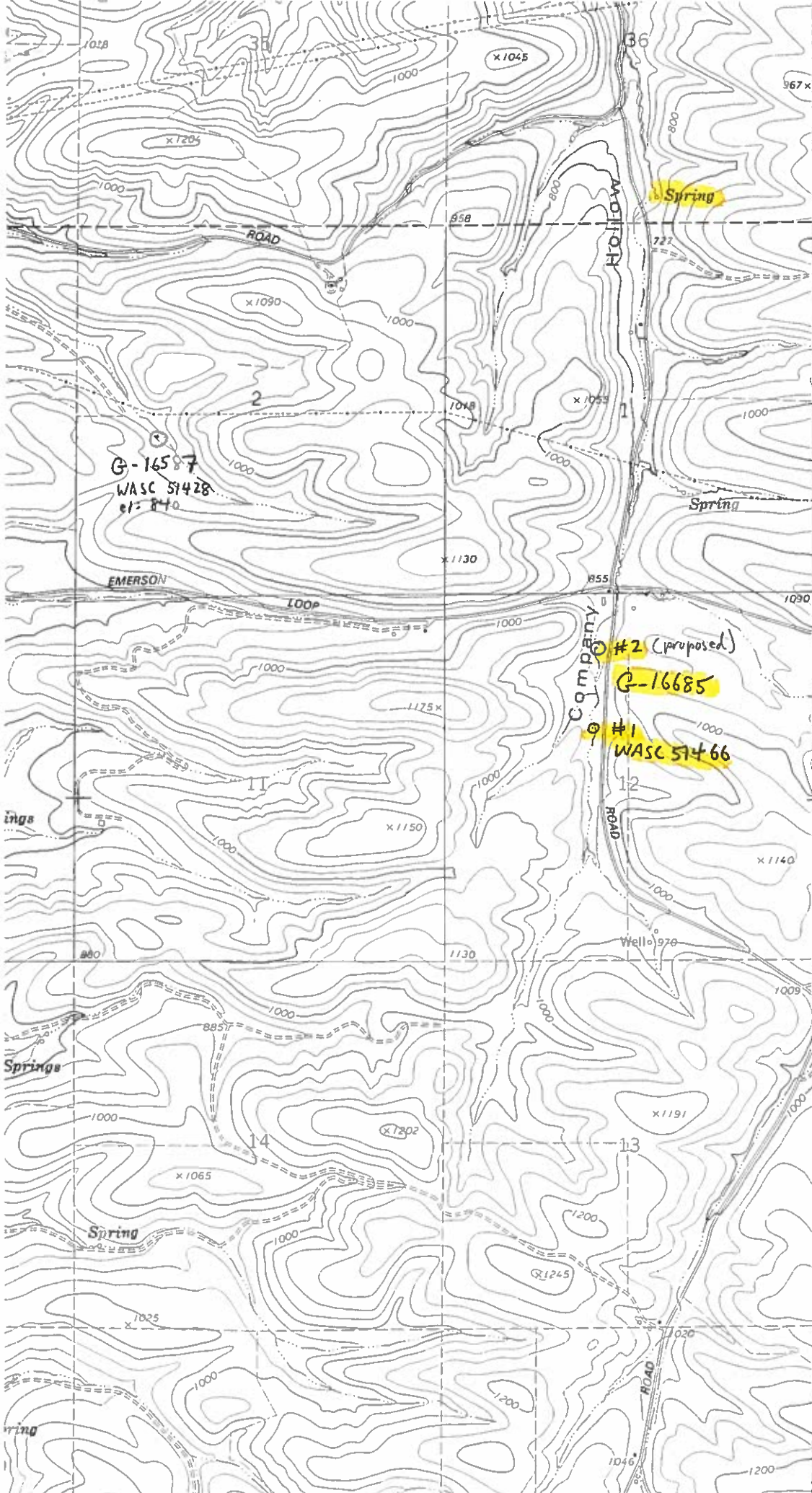


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D8.  Route to Water Rights Section (attach well reconstruction logs to this page).





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