

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date May 5, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Application G- 16973 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: Zachary Sword County: Harney

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 3.3 cfs from two well(s) in the Malheur Lake Basin,
subbasin Quad Map: New Princeton

A2. Proposed use: Irrigation, 263.9 acres (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	HARN 51378	1	Basalt?	1.3	26S/34E-29 NE-SW	2135' N, 1433' E fr SW cor S 29
2	Proposed	2	Basin fill seds.	2.0	26S/34E-30 NW-SE	2300' N, 150' E fr S ¼ cor S 30
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	4118	90	32	6/27/07	176	0-20	0-20	0-176	91-166	1325	60	P
2	4110				200	0-180	0-180					

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments: Well #1 develops water from "rock with cracks", which may equate with the Steens Basalt (Ts) of Piper, 1939. Proposed well #2 will likely develop basin-fill sediments, based on local well logs. It is not clear if the applicant intends to seal well #2 to 180 feet, but that is what is stated. It is not likely to be necessary to seal this deeply.**

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:

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, probably Steens Basalt	☒	☐
2	Interbedded clay, sand, claystone and possibly pumice	☐	☒
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: The basalt aquifer appears to be confined below a thick sequence of clays. The basin-fill sediments are regionally unconfined, but may be locally semiconfined.

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	4086	4090±	18000*	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
2	1	Malheur Lake	4095±	4090±	14500	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: * As the lake level changes, distance to the wells will vary quite a bit. Currently, the lake is more distant than shown on the quadrangle map. It is very likely that the aquifers penetrated by the wells ultimately discharge to Malheur Lake.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: No WAB Basin data available.

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: _____

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													
Interference CFS													
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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:

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

D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200D1. Well #: 1 Logid: HARN 51378D2. **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).**

MEMO

May 6, 2008

FROM: GW: Mike Zwart
(Reviewer's Name)

SUBJECT: Scenic Waterway Interference Evaluation

YES

☒ YES ☐ NO

The source of appropriation is within or above a Scenic Waterway

YES

✓ NO

Use the Scenic Waterway condition (Condition 7J)

Per ORS 390.835, the Ground Water Section is **able** to calculate ground water interference with surface water that contributes to a Scenic Waterway. The calculated interference is distributed below.

Per ORS 390.835, the Ground Water Section is **unable** to calculate ground water interference with surface water that contributes to a scenic waterway; **therefore, the Department is unable to find that there is a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway.**

Calculate the percentage of consumptive use by month and fill in the table below. If interference cannot be calculated, per criteria in 390.835, do not fill in the table but check the “unable” option above, thus informing Water Rights that the Department is unable to make a Preponderance of Evidence finding.

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.

[illegible]