PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS

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

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

SUBJECT: Application G- **16496** 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: **LaGrande Farm, James Habberstad** County: **Union**

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) **0.35** cfs from **one** well(s) in the **Grande Ronde** Basin, **Catherine Creek** subbasin Quad Map: **Conley**

A2. Proposed use: **Irrigation** 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	**UNIO 51315**	**12**	**Alluvium**	**0.35**	**3S/39E-24 SW-SW**	**45.28537326 N, -117.89086031 W**

* 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
12	**2694**	**12**	**12**	**2/14/03**	**368**	**0-55**	**0-368**	**None**	**118-178 228-238 328-358**	**200**	**?**	**Air**

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** **See reviews for files G-16172, G-16368 & G-16446. This filing is intended to increase the legal production for well #12 by applying for a rate just below 1% of natural flow of Catherine Creek. The well location was again not provided in the required form for this file (location here is provided in decimal degrees without any datum or reference to a section corner).**

A5. ☒ **Provisions of the Grande Ronde** 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) _____;
   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:** _____

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
12	**Alluvium**	☐	☒

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: Ham (1966) indicates that short-term aquifer testing usually results in semiconfined to confined aquifer parameters, but other data and a long-term test indicate that the aquifer exhibits unconfined characteristics.

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
12	1	Catherine Creek	2682	2682	4500	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: Based on the direction of ground-water flow, hydraulic connection is more likely with Catherine Creek than with Phys Slough.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Catherine Cr > Grande Ronde R at mouth (30810408)

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?
12	1	☐	☐			☐	35.4 (Oct.)	☐*	3.0	☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
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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?
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐

Comments: Used current version (1.10) of the Wozniak modification of the Hunt stream depletion model. *See comments at C6.

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													
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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: <u>This section does not apply.</u>

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) **7J**;

ii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. **SW / GW Remarks and Conditions** **This is the fourth recent filing on this well. The applicant is taking advantage of the Division 9 rule thresholds regarding the rate of appropriation as compared to the natural streamflow to avoid a finding of PSI. I believe that the Department should strongly consider either denial of the permit or, if a permit is issued, place limitations on the maximum production rate of this well to limit interference with Catherine Creek. I suggest that the permit recognize the earlier permits and limit the rate to 0.35 cfs under any combination of these permits.**

References Used: **Development Potential of Ground Water in the Grande Ronde Valley, Union County, Oregon, Ham, 1966; local well logs; Files G-6578, G-16172, G-16368 & G-16446.**

D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200

D1. **Well #:** 12 **Logid:** UNIO 51315

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 3 March, 2006

TO: **Application G-** 16496

FROM: **GW:** Gerald H. Grondin
(Reviewer's Name)

SUBJECT: **Scenic Waterway Interference Evaluation**

__X__ YES
The source of appropriation is within or above a Scenic Waterway
_____ NO

__X__ YES
Use the Scenic Waterway condition (Condition 7J)
_____ NO

__X__ 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF INTERFERENCE

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 Grande Ronde 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	
9.1	8.7	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.0	%