

Groundwater Application Review Summary Form

Application # G- 19275

GW Reviewer Darrick E. Boschmann Date Review Completed: 06/26/2025

Summary of GW Availability and Injury Review:

☒ Groundwater for the proposed use is either over appropriated, will not likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights, OR will not likely be available within the capacity of the groundwater resource per Section B of the attached review form.

Summary of Potential for Substantial Interference Review:

☐ There is the potential for substantial interference per Section C of the attached review form.

Summary of Well Construction Assessment:

☒ The well does not appear to meet current well construction standards per Section D of the attached review form. Route through Well Construction and Compliance Section.

This is only a summary. Documentation is attached and should be read thoroughly to understand the basis for determinations and for conditions that may be necessary for a permit (if one is issued).

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

MEMO

06/26/2025

TO: Application G- 19275

FROM: GW: Darrick E. Boschmann
(Reviewer's Name)

SUBJECT: Scenic Waterway Interference Evaluation

☒ YES The source of appropriation is hydraulically connected to a State Scenic Waterway or its tributaries

☐ NO

☒ YES Use the Scenic Waterway Condition (Condition 7J)

☐ NO

☒ Per ORS 390.835, the Groundwater 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 Groundwater 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 the Deschutes 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
0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date 06/26/2025
FROM: Groundwater Section Darrick E. Boschmann
Reviewer's Name
SUBJECT: Application G- 19275 Supersedes review of 11/02/2022; 11/08/2024
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 groundwater 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: Hermreck at the Y Ranch LLC County: Crook

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 1.88 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Deschutes Basin,
Beaver-South Fork (Crooked – Paulina Valley) subbasin

A2. Proposed use Primary irrigation 150.0 acres Seasonality: 04/01 – 10/01

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

POA 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	CROO 155	6	CRBG	1.88	17.00S-23.00E-1-SE NE	1400 FEET NORTH AND 1190 FEET WEST FROM SE CORNER, SECTION 1*
2						
3						
4						

* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

POA Well	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Drawdown (ft)	Test Type
1	362	0-25	+1-25	None	None	1200	50	P
2								
3								
4								

POA Well	Land Surface Elevation at Well (ft amsl)	Depth of First Water (ft bls)	SWL (ft bls)	SWL Date	Reference Level (ft bls)	Reference Level Date
1	3765*	160	20	September 1975	NA	NA
2						
3						
4						

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** _____

This re-review addresses amendments to the application received 5/26/2023 that were not available to the reviewer at the time of the 11/08/2024 re-review. Specifically, the application is now for CROO 155.

The 11/08/2024 re-review addressed the finding in section B1a in accordance with the 02/06/2023 clarification memo on the current policy for determining over-appropriation for new groundwater applications.

The proposed well is in eastern Crook County about 2.5 miles east of the unincorporated community of Paulina. The area immediately underlying the proposed well was mapped as QTu (volcanic and fluvial deposits) which is underlain in the map area by Tcu (Columbia River Group, undivided [Columbia River Basalt Group – CRBG]) (Brown & Thayer, 1966). Overlapping and adjacent geologic mapping (Swanson, 1969; Dickenson, 1965) have mapped contiguous outcrops of CRBG as the Picture Gorge Basalt formation of the CRBG.

The water well report for proposed well CROO 155 reports 20 feet of topsoil overlying water-bearing “basalt rock” to 362-foot total depth, which is consistent with the geologic mapping in this area.

*The metes and bounds provided on the amended application map indicate 1400 feet SOUTH from the SE corner section 1, which would place the well in section 12. Assuming the applicant intended 1400 feet NORTH would place the well in the correct quarter-quarter section, but the location is still not consistent with the well location depicted on the application map. For the purposes of this review the location for the well depicted on the application map and the corresponding well elevation is used.

- A5. ☐ **Provisions of the** Deschutes (OAR 690-505) Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of groundwater hydraulically connected to surface water ☐ **are**, or ☒ **are not**, activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)
Comments: The proposed POA is not within the Deschutes Groundwater Study Area.
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- A6. ☐ **Well(s) #** _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.
Name of administrative area: _____
Comments: currently no administrative area.
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B. GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070

B1. **Based upon available data**, I have determined that groundwater* 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 groundwater 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 groundwater 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 groundwater resource; or
- d. ☐ will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing groundwater rights or to the groundwater 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 groundwater production from no deeper than _____ ft. below land surface;
 - b. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no shallower than _____ ft. below land surface;
 - c. ☒ **Condition** to allow groundwater production only from a single aquifer in the Columbia River Basalt Group;
 - 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 Groundwater 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): _____

Based on review of the well log it appears the well is open to two separate aquifers within the Columbia River Basalt Group. The upper aquifer is reported to exist from 160-170 feet blsd; the lower aquifer is reported to exist from 350-362 feet blsd (TD).

Wells open to multiple water-bearing zones within the CRBG can commingle multiple aquifers, which can result in groundwater migrating through the well bore from an aquifer of higher pressure to an aquifer of lower pressure, even when the pump is off. Over time, this can depressurize the aquifer and exacerbate groundwater level declines.

B3. **Groundwater availability remarks:** _____

The available water level record does not meet the Division 8 definition of excessively declining or declined excessively (for the storage portion of the source of water to wells).

Water level data for wells completed in basalt in this area show a consistent decline over approximately the past decade. It cannot be determined with certainty if some portion of this decline might be attributed to climate. Additional groundwater development in this area will likely contribute to existing declines which could impair the function of the aquifer by precluding its perpetual use. Therefore, the new use is found to be not within the capacity of the resource as defined in OAR 690-400-0010.

Even with the rate of decline occurring in this area it is not likely that any interference with nearby wells would meet the standard for substantial or undue interference.

If a permit is issued for this application the following conditions should be applied:

•7RLN (25 feet, 25 feet, period=March)

•7J

•Medium water use reporting

•Wells shall be open to a single aquifer in the Columbia River Basalt Group and shall meet applicable well construction standards (OAR 690-200 and OAR 690-210). In addition, the open interval shall be no greater than 100 feet. However, a larger open interval may be approved by the Department if the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that each well is only open to a single aquifer.

C. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040**C1. 690-09-040 (1):** Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
1	CRB	☒	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: _____

The static water level reported on the well log is above the depth at which water was first reported, which indicates confinement.

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	Beaver Creek	3745	3680	10600	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: _____

The static water level in the well is above the elevation of the surface water source.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: BEAVER CR > CROOKED R - AT MOUTH

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 (SW) source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that SW source, 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?	Q _w > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Q _w > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Q _w > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐

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 #		Q _w > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Q _w > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Q _w > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐

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													
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: _____

The well is likely impacting surface water somewhere along Beaver Creek. However, the locally confined nature of the aquifer unit and uncertainty regarding the location of hydraulic connection preclude the use of the available analytical models to evaluate the interference.

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 groundwater 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:** _____

C1. 690-09-040 (1)

It is determined that the proposed well will produce groundwater from a confined aquifer.

C2. 690-09-040 (2) (3)

It is determined that the proposed well is hydraulically connected to Beaver Creek.

C3a./C3b. 690-09-040 (4)

The proposed well is greater than 1 mile from hydraulically connected surface water.

C4a. 690-09-040 (5)

PSI cannot be evaluated for Well 1 to SW 1.

The applicant's proposed POA would be producing from an aquifer that has been found to be hydraulically connected to surface water – specifically to Beaver Creek, a tributary to the Crooked River. The proposed POAs are hydraulically connected to a tributary of the Deschutes State Scenic Waterway and will have a long-term impact on flows necessary for the scenic waterway. Given the distance between the POAs and the Deschutes State Scenic Waterway, along with the reservoirs in between, the impact from the proposed use on the scenic waterway will likely be evenly distributed throughout the entire year (see Scenic Waterway Memo on page 2).

References Used: _____

Brown, C.E., Thayer, T.P., 1966. Geologic map of the Canyon City quadrangle, northeastern Oregon. U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map I-477. Scale 1:250,000.

Swanson, D.A., 1969. Reconnaissance geologic map of the east half of the Bend quadrangle, Crook, Wheeler, Jefferson, Wasco, and Deschutes Counties, Oregon. U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map I-568. Scale 1:250,000.

Dickinson, R.W., Vigrass, L.W., 1956. Geology of the Supplee-Izee area Crook, Grant, and Harney Counties, Oregon. Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Bulletin 58.

D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200

D1. Well #: 1 Logid: CROO 155

D2. **THE WELL does not appear to meet current well construction standards based upon:**

- a. ☒ review of the well log;
- b. ☐ field inspection by _____;
- c. ☐ report of CWRE _____;
- d. ☐ other: (specify) _____

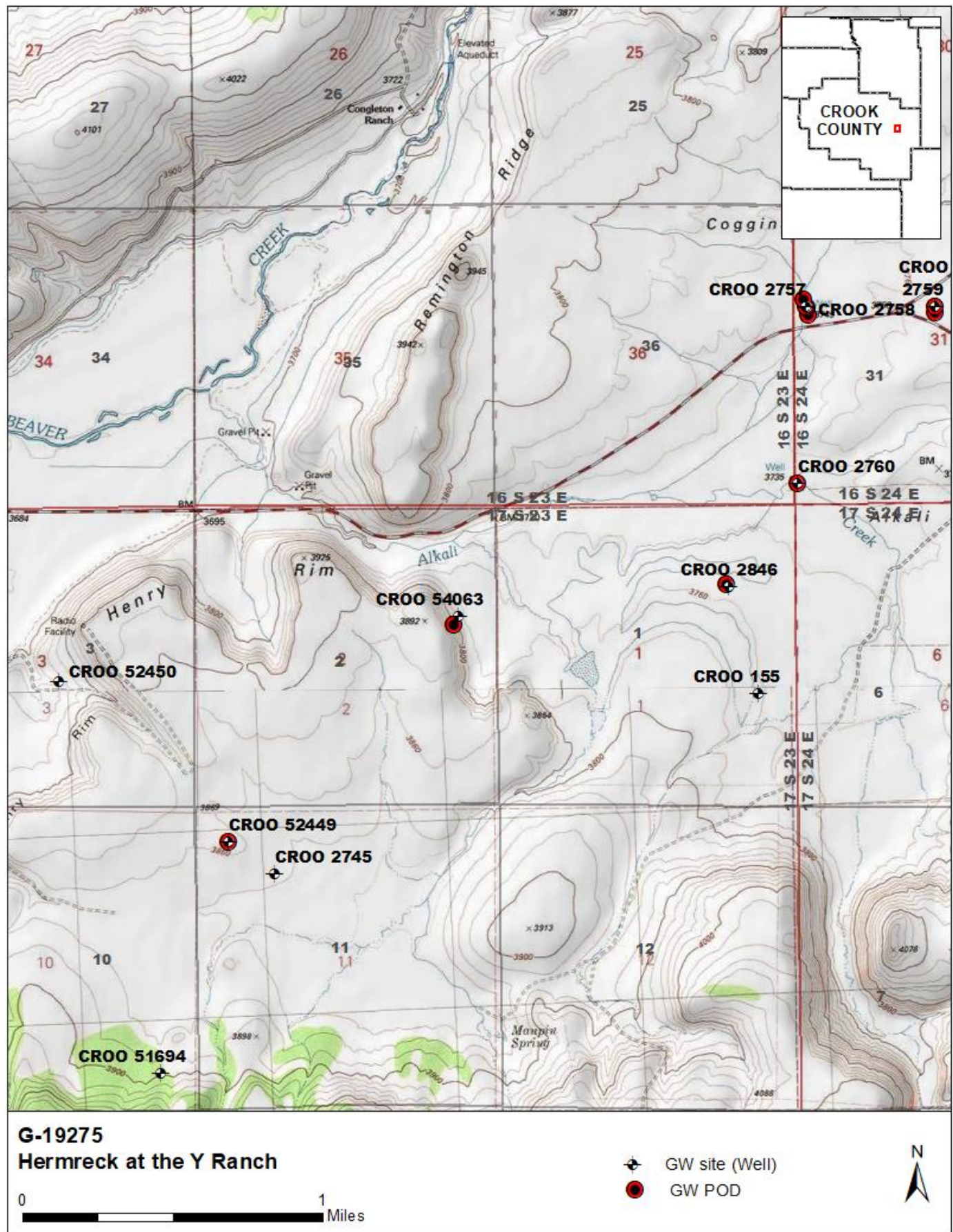
D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency or other comment is described as follows:** _____

Well report does not indicate the amount of grout used in the well seal.

Based on review of the well log it appears the well is open to two separate aquifers within the Columbia River Basalt Group. The upper aquifer is reported to exist from 160-170 feet blsd; the lower aquifer is reported to exist from 350-362 feet blsd (TD).

D4. ☒ **Route to the Well Construction and Compliance Section for a review of existing well construction.**

Well Location Map



Water-Level Measurements in Nearby Wells

