

Application for a Permit to Use Groundwater

Oregon Water Resources Department
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Salem, Oregon 97301-1266
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IMPORTANT NOTICES: Before you prepare your application, please read the below notices. Please also refer to the Groundwater Guidebook (www.oregon.gov/owrd/WRDFormsPDF/GW_guidebook.pdf).

Application Form Updates:

Chapters 282 and 575, Oregon Laws 2025, amended statutes governing water right permit application processing. In addition, the Water Resources Commission adopted amended rules on March 19, 2026. As a result, this application form has been updated and is required to be used for any application received on or after April 1, 2026. Please note, modification of this form is not permitted. If a section does not contain the necessary space or response options for your situation, please provide your information in “Section 10: Remarks” or on additional pages.

Applications Restricted under ORS 536.415 will be Returned:

For applications received on or after April 1, 2026, the Department will return the application, and all or a portion of the fees, if the source of water is:

- (1) designated as a critical ground water area under ORS 537.730,
- (2) subject to restrictions on allowed ground water uses by classification under ORS 536.340, or
- (3) withdrawn from appropriation under ORS 538 or by rule or order of the Water Resources Commission under ORS 536.410.

The Department will conduct this review at intake and based upon the information provided when the application is received. **IMPORTANT:** The Department has published a list of sources subject to the above restrictions. You are strongly encouraged to review this list carefully before submitting your application. The list can be found here: www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/WaterRights/Permits/Pages/Obtain.aspx

Fee Submission Updates:

For applications received on or after April 1, 2026, partial payment (equaling 60 percent of the examination fee) is due at application submission, and the remaining portion (equaling 40 percent of the examination fee and the permit recording fee) is due following issuance of the Initial Review if the applicant notifies the Department to continue processing the application (see below). Please use the Department’s online Fee Calculator (apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_fee_calculator/) to determine the fees for your application.

Processing Updates:

Response required following Initial Review—Following issuance of the Initial Review (IR), if an applicant would like the Department to continue processing the application to reach a final decision, the applicant must notify the Department in writing within 90 days of IR issuance AND pay any remaining fees due.

Proposed Final Order will become a Final Order under certain circumstances—If the Department does not receive a timely protest of a Proposed Final Order (PFO) and does not withdraw the PFO, the PFO will become a Final Order 33 days after the close of the period of time in which to file a protest.

Electronic Forms of Documents:

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Minimum Requirements Checklist

Minimum Requirements (OAR 690-310-0040, OAR 690-305-0010 and ORS 537.140)

Include this checklist with the application

Check that each of the following items are included. The application will be returned as incomplete if all required items are not included. Please submit the original application and signatures to the Oregon Water Resources Department. Applicants are encouraged to keep a copy of the completed application. If you have questions, please call the Water Rights Customer Service Group at (503) 986-0900.

- SECTION 1: Applicant Information and Signature
- SECTION 2: Property Ownership and Signatory Authority
- SECTION 3: Well Development
- SECTION 4: Sensitive, Threatened or Endangered Fish Species Public Interest Information
- SECTION 5: Water Use
- SECTION 6: Water Management
- SECTION 7: Resource Protection
- SECTION 8: Project Schedule
- SECTION 9: Within a District
- SECTION 10: Remarks

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A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Additional information may be required. See the Groundwater Guidebook for details.

www.oregon.gov/owrd/WRDFormsPDF/GW_guidebook.pdf

- Completed **Application for a Permit to use Groundwater** (including Sections 1-10, as described above).
- Completed **Land Use Information Form** with original signature of local planning department. This form must be dated no more than one year prior to application submission.
- Legal Description** of: (1) the property(ies) from which the water is to be diverted, (2) any property(ies) crossed by the proposed ditch, canal or other work, and (3) any property(ies) on which the water is to be used as depicted on the map.
- Evidence of signatory authority** or a signed statement that such authority exists for applications submitted on behalf of an entity (e.g., organization).
- Application Map** that includes all required elements as described in OAR 690-305-0010.
- Application Fees** – Please use the Fee Calculators at apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_fee_calculator/ or contact the Customer Service Group at wrddl_customerservice@water.oregon.gov or (503) 986-0900.

Total Examination Fee: \$ 5,430

Recording Fee: \$ 915

Amount required to be paid at this time (60% of total examination fee): \$ 3,258

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SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE

Applicant (may be an individual(s) or organization)

Name(s) (as it should appear on any permit that may be issued) Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife		Primary Contact (required if applicant is an organization) Cascade Fish Hatchery; Attn: Alex Clark	
Mailing Address 74152 NE Eagle Creek Loop	City Cascade Locks	State OR	Zip 97014
Email Address * Alex.Clark@ODFW.Oregon.gov		Phone (971) 280-3381	

Applicant (may be an individual(s) or organization)

Name(s) (as it should appear on any permit that may be issued)		Primary Contact (required if applicant is an organization)	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Email Address *		Phone	

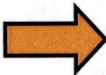
Agent – The agent is authorized to represent the applicant in all matters relating to this application.

Agent/Business Name Theodore R. Ressler, RG, CWRE / Summit Water Resources, LLC			
Mailing Address 4784 SE 17th Avenue, Suite 111	City Portland	State OR	Zip 97202
Email Address * tressler@summitwr.com		Phone (503) 701-4535	

* **Unless requested otherwise**, the Department will send documents and notifications associated with the processing of this application in electronic form (i.e., by email). Please note, the Department will send the applicant the Proposed Final Order by certified mail and any permit that may be issued by standard mail.

By my signature below, I confirm that I understand:

- I am asking to use water specifically as described in this application.
- Evaluation of this application will be based on information provided in the application.
- I cannot legally use water until the Water Resources Department issues a permit.
- Oregon law requires that a permit be issued before beginning construction of any proposed well, unless the use is exempt. Acceptance of this application does not guarantee a permit will be issued.
- If I begin construction prior to the issuance of a permit, I assume all risks associated with my actions.
- If I receive a permit, I must not waste water.
- If development of the water use is not according to the terms of the permit, the permit can be cancelled.
- The water use must be compatible with local comprehensive land use plans.
- Even if the Department issues a permit, I may have to stop using water to allow senior water-right holders to receive water to which they are entitled.



I (we) affirm that the information contained in this application is true and accurate.

Ryan McCormick Ryan McCormick, PE, MSCE 5/12/2026
 Applicant Signature Print Name and Title (if Organization) Date

 Applicant Signature Print Name and Title (if Organization) Date

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SECTION 2: PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

A. Property Ownership

Please indicate if you own all the lands associated with the project from which the water is to be diverted, conveyed and used.

- YES, there are no encumbrances.
- YES, the land is encumbered by easements, rights of way, roads or other encumbrances.

- NO, I have a recorded easement or written authorization permitting access.
- NO, I do not currently have written authorization or easement permitting access.
- NO, written authorization or an easement is not necessary, because the only affected lands I do not own are state-owned submerged and/or submersible lands, and this application is for irrigation and/or domestic use only. ORS 274.040.
- NO, because water is to be diverted, conveyed and used only on federal lands.
- NO, written authorization or an easement is not necessary, because the application is made by or on behalf of a public corporation. ORS 537.211(7). Public corporation is defined in ORS 536.007(7).

B. Affected Landowners

List the names, mailing addresses, and, if available, email addresses of all owners of any lands that are not owned by the applicant and that are crossed by the proposed ditch, canal or other work, or any lands not owned by the applicant within the proposed place of use, even if the applicant has obtained written authorization or an easement from the owner. *(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)*

Owner: United States of America

Mailing Address: USDA Forest Service 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, OR 97055-7248

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C. Legal Description

You must provide legal descriptions for all of the following: *(Attach copies)*

1. The property from which the water is to be diverted,
2. Any property crossed by the proposed ditch, canal or other work, and
3. Any property on which the water is to be used as depicted on the map.

D. Evidence of Signatory Authority

If the applicant is a public agency, corporation or business, trust, or other organization, you must provide the title or authority of the person signing the application on behalf of the entity in **Section 1**, and you must attach evidence of signatory authority or a signed statement that such authority exists. *(Attach copies)*

SECTION 3: WELL DEVELOPMENT

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Total maximum rate requested:	1,795	<input type="checkbox"/> CFS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPM
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(each well will be evaluated at the maximum rate unless you indicate well-specific rates and annual volumes in the table below).

The table below must be completed for each source to be evaluated or the application will be returned. (Attach additional sheets if necessary) If this is an existing well, the information may be found on the applicable well log. If a well log is available, please submit it in addition to completing the table. If this is a proposed well, or well-modification, consider consulting with a licensed well driller, geologist, or certified water right examiner to obtain the necessary information.

WELL NAME OR WELL #	PROPOSED	EXISTING	WELL ID* (WELL TAG) OR WELL LOG ID**	FLOWING ARTESIAN	CASING DIAMETER	CASING INTERVALS (IN FEET)	PERFORATED OR SCREENED INTERVALS (IN FEET)	SEAL INTERVALS (IN FEET)	MOST RECENT STATIC WATER LEVEL & DATE (IN FEET)	PROPOSED USE			
										SOURCE AQUIFER***	TOTAL WELL DEPTH	WELL-SPECIFIC RATE (GPM)	TOTAL ANNUAL VOLUME (ACRE-FEET)
Well 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	up to 20" (est)	+1-250 (est)	160'-250' (est)	0-75' (est)	N/A	Eagle Creek Formation	250' (est)	up to 1,795	N/A
Well 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	up to 20" (est)	+1-250 (est)	160'-250' (est)	0-75' (est)	N/A	Eagle Creek Formation	250' (est)	up to 1,795	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>									
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* Licensed drillers are required to attach a Department-supplied Well Tag, with a unique Well ID or Well Tag Number to all new or newly altered wells. Landowners can request a Well ID for existing wells that do not have one. The Well ID is intended to serve as a unique identification number for each well.

** A well log ID (e.g. MARI 1234) is assigned by the Department to each log in the agency's well log database. A separate well log is required for each subsequent alteration of the well.

*** Source aquifer examples: Troutdale Formation, gravel and sand, alluvium, basalt, bedrock, etc.

SECTION 3: WELL DEVELOPMENT, continued

Please provide any information for your existing or proposed well(s) that you believe may be helpful in evaluating your application. For existing wells, describe any previous alteration(s) or repair(s) not documented in the attached well log or other materials. *(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)*

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SECTION 4: SENSITIVE, THREATENED OR ENDANGERED FISH SPECIES PUBLIC INTEREST INFORMATION

This information must be provided for your application to be accepted as complete. The Water Resources Department will determine whether the proposed use will impair or be detrimental to the public interest with regard to sensitive, threatened or endangered fish species if your proposed groundwater use is determined to have the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface waters.

To answer the following questions, use the map provided on the last page of this application form or the link below to determine whether the proposed point of appropriation (POA) is located in an area where the Upper Columbia, the Lower Columbia, and/or the Statewide public interest rules apply.

For more detailed information, click on the following link and enter the TRSQQ or the Lat/Long of a POA and click on "Submit" to retrieve a report that will show which section, if any, of the rules apply:
https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/lkp_trsqg_features/

If you need additional help, please call the customer service desk at (503) 986-0900.

Upper Columbia - OAR 690-033-0115 through -0130

Is the well or proposed well located in an area where the Upper Columbia Rules apply?

Yes No

If yes, you are notified that the Water Resources Department will consult with numerous federal, state, local and tribal governmental entities so it may determine whether the proposed use is consistent with the "Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program" adopted by the Northwest Power Planning Council in 1994 for the protection and recovery of listed fish species. The application may be denied, heavily conditioned, or if appropriate, mitigation for impacts may be needed to obtain approval for the proposed use.

If yes, and if the Department determines that proposed groundwater use has the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface waters:

- I understand that the permit, if issued, will not allow use during the time period April 15 to September 30, except as provided in OAR 690-033-0140.
- I understand that the Department of Environmental Quality will review my application to determine if the proposed use complies with existing state and federal water quality standards.

- I understand that I will install and maintain water-use measurement and recording devices as required by the Water Resources Department and comply with recording and reporting permit condition requirements prior to use of water under any permit issued pursuant to this application.

Lower Columbia - OAR 690-033-0220 through -0230

Is the well or proposed well located in an area where the Lower Columbia rules apply?

Yes No

If yes, and the proposed groundwater use is determined to have the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface waters, you are notified that the Water Resources Department will determine, by reviewing recovery plans, the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program, and regional restoration programs applicable to threatened or endangered fish species, in coordination with state and federal agencies, as appropriate, whether the proposed use is detrimental to the protection or recovery of a threatened or endangered fish species and whether the use can be conditioned or mitigated to avoid the detriment.

If a permit is issued, it will likely contain conditions to ensure the water use complies with existing state and federal water quality standards; and water use measurement, recording and reporting required by the Water Resources Department. The application may be denied, or if appropriate, mitigation for impacts may be needed to obtain approval of the proposed use.

If yes, you will be required to provide the following information, if applicable.

Is the proposed use for more than **one** cubic foot per second (448.8 gpm) and not subject to the requirements of OAR 690, Division 86 (Water Management and Conservation Plans)?

Yes No

If yes, please provide a description of the measures to be taken to assure reasonably efficient water use:

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Statewide - OAR 690-033-0330 through -0340

Is the well or proposed well located in an area where the Statewide rules apply?

Yes No

If yes, and the proposed groundwater use is determined to have the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface waters, you are notified that the Water Resources Department will determine whether the proposed use will occur in an area where endangered, threatened or sensitive fish species are located. If so, the Water Resources Department, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Agriculture will recommend conditions required to achieve “no loss of essential habitat of threatened and endangered (T&E) fish species,” or “no net loss of essential habitat of sensitive (S) fish species.” If conditions cannot be identified that meet the standards of no loss of essential T E fish habitat or no net loss of essential S fish habitat, the agencies will recommend denial of the application unless they conclude that the proposed use would not harm the species.

SECTION 5: WATER USE

Identify each proposed use of water under this application, the requested period of use (e.g., year-round, Mar 1 – Oct 31, etc.), and provide the total annual volume requested. Please note that this is the total amount and not the duty.

USE	PERIOD OF USE	TOTAL ANNUAL VOLUME (ACRE-FEET)
Fish Culture	Year-round (when needed for temperature mitigation)	Volume dependent on temperature

- If the use is **irrigation or nursery use**, please indicate the number of acres for primary irrigation, supplemental irrigation and/or nursery use. *(Please check that this matches the application map.)*
 - Primary Irrigation: _____ acres
 - Supplemental Irrigation: _____ acres
 - Nursery Use: _____ acres
 - Total number of acre-feet you are requesting to use annually for the above uses: _____ acre-feet
 - If supplemental irrigation acres are listed, provide the permit or certificate number of the underlying primary water right(s): _____

- If the use is **municipal or quasi-municipal**, you are required to attach a completed **Form M**: <https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/WRDFormsPDF/muniform.pdf>

- If the use is **domestic**, indicate the number of households (please note that 15,000 gallons per day for single or group **domestic** purposes is **exempt** from permitting requirements): _____ households

- If the use is **mining**, describe what is being mined and the method(s) of extraction *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*:

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SECTION 6: WATER MANAGEMENT

A. Diversion and Conveyance

What equipment will you use to pump water from your well(s)?

Pump (provide horsepower and type):

To be determined

Other means (describe):

Provide a description of the proposed means of diversion, construction, and operation of the diversion works and conveyance of water.

Groundwater will be appropriated from the proposed well(s) and conveyed by pipe to the place of use (rearing ponds at the fish hatchery).

B. Application Method

What equipment and method of application will be used? (e.g., drip, wheel line, high-pressure sprinkler) (*Attach additional sheets if necessary.*)

Groundwater will be conveyed to the existing surface water delivery pipeline that supplies water to the fish rearing ponds. The exact location and method for introduction of groundwater into the existing water supply system will be selected to optimize mixing of water and maximize thermal benefits. The water will pass through multiple rearing ponds and the return flow will be discharged into Eagle Creek.

C. Conservation

Please describe why the amount of water requested is needed and measures you propose to: (1) prevent waste, (2) measure the amount of water diverted, (3) prevent damage to aquatic life and riparian habitat, (4) prevent the discharge of contaminated water to a surface stream, and (5) prevent adverse impact to public uses of affected surface waters. (*Attach additional sheets if necessary.*)

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife operates the Cascade Fish Hatchery, which enhances declining fish runs in the Columbia River Basin. The facility is used for egg incubation and rearing of Coho Salmon. The current water source for the hatchery, Eagle Creek (Certificates 27485 and 30419), is impacted by temperature fluctuations during the summer and winter that adversely impact hatchery operations and lead to suboptimal conditions for fish rearing. 4 CFS of relatively stable temperature groundwater will provide thermal benefits during these seasonal temperature fluctuations to prevent loss of fish life.

The groundwater requested by this application will be single pass use and will be discharged directly into Eagle Creek after use. The water quality at the hatchery is currently monitored to ensure acceptable quality for both hatchery operations and discharge back into Eagle Creek.

ODFW will install flow control and monitoring devices to optimize use of water and will meter water usage for reporting and water accounting.

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SECTION 7: RESOURCE PROTECTION

In granting permission to use water, the state encourages, and in some instances requires, careful control of activities that may affect adjacent waterways or streamside areas. Please indicate any of the practices you plan to undertake to protect water resources.

- Water quality will be protected by preventing erosion and run-off of waste or chemical products.

Describe:

This water right project will have no erosion impacts to the project area. NPDES permit monitoring is currently conducted at the hatchery and includes the following parameters: total suspended solids, settleable solids, pH, water temperatures, dissolved oxygen, air temperatures, and flow.

- Excavation or clearing of banks will be kept to a minimum to protect riparian or streamside areas.

Note: If disturbed area is greater than one acre, applicant should contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to determine if a 1200C permit is required.

Describe planned actions and additional permits required for project implementation:

No stream bank work is anticipated

- Other state and federal permits or contracts required and to be obtained, if a water right permit is granted.

List:

The Cascade Hatchery currently operates under a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by DEQ.

SECTION 8: PROJECT SCHEDULE

- a) Date construction will begin: Within 7 years of permit issuance
- b) Date construction will be completed: Within 7 years of permit issuance
- c) Date beneficial water use will begin: Within 7 years of permit issuance

Please note, the above items (a)-(c) must be provided for an application to be accepted as complete. It is understood that these proposed dates may be approximate (i.e., month-year).

SECTION 9: WITHIN A DISTRICT

- Check here if the point(s) of appropriation or place of use are located within or served by an irrigation or other water district.

Irrigation District Name		Mailing Address	
City	State	Zip	

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SECTION 10: REMARKS

Use this space to clarify any information you have provided in the application. *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

The proposed use of groundwater from the Eagle Creek Formation is anticipated to be hydraulically connected to both the Columbia River and Eagle Creek. Surface water in Eagle Creek is classified for fish culture use per the Hood River Basin Program [OAR 690-504-0000(3)], which is the use of water proposed under this application. Surface water in the Columbia River is available year-round for projects that provide net benefits for native resident and native anadromous fish recovery [OAR 690-033-0140(2)]. This application will support a project that provides net benefits for native resident and anadromous fish recovery. Cascade Fish Hatchery was authorized under the Mitchell Act, and began operating in 1959 as part of the Columbia River Fisheries Development Program – a program to enhance declining fish runs in the Columbia River Basin. The facility is used for egg incubation and rearing of Coho Salmon.

A Land Use Information Form is not required as water is to be diverted, conveyed, and used on federal lands only.

Letters of support for the project from Yakima Nation Fisheries and Nez Perce Tribe are provided in Attachment 5.

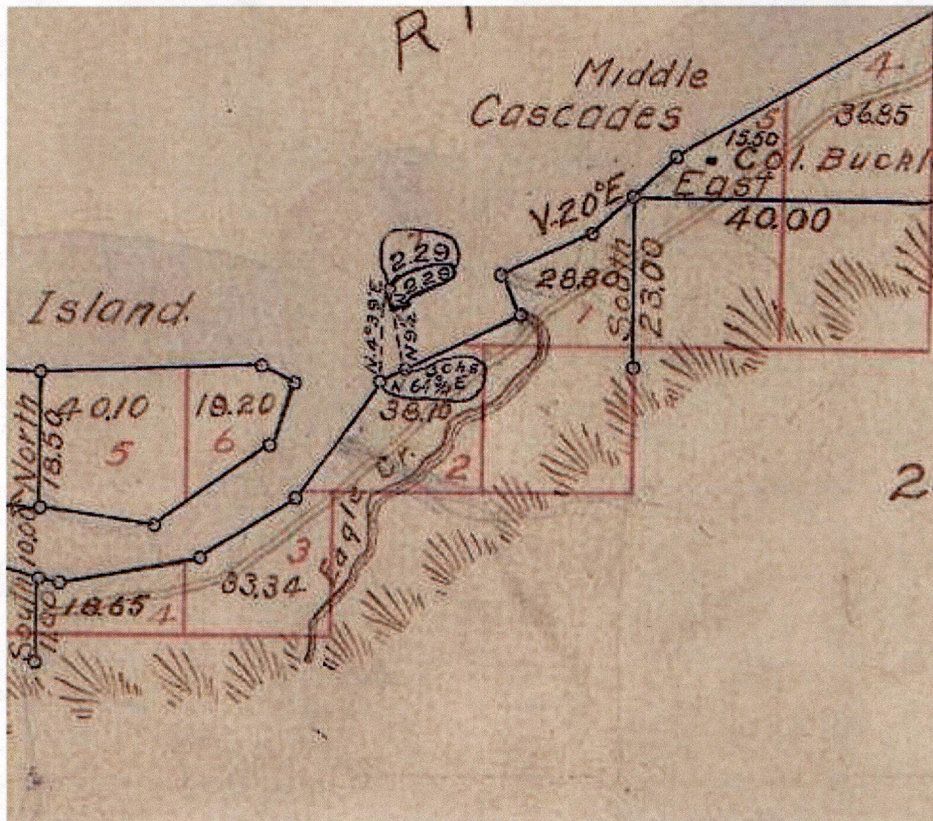
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Attachment 1
Map

BLM Cadastral Survey

https://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/landsurvey/gPlatView1_2.php?path=POR&name=t020n070e_001.jpg&tr=002-0N007-0E



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Attachment 2
Property Information

Ressler, Ted

From: MATHER Amanda L * WRD <Amanda.L.MATHER@water.oregon.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 9:40 AM
To: Ressler, Ted
Subject: RE: Question about legal description

Categories: Red Category

Hi Ted,

We will be able to accept the documents you previously sent as a legal description for the purposes of application intake. If, during application processing, we find that we need something more, we would reach out and work further with you at that point. When you submit the application, please also provide any agreement/lease (if available) between USFS and ODFW.

Thanks!
Amanda

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From: MATHER Amanda L * WRD
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 3:17 PM
To: 'Ressler, Ted' <tressler@summitwr.com>
Subject: RE: Question about legal description

Hi Ted,

I just wanted to send the update that I'm still working on this. I just sent an email to my manager to see if the survey plats (which include metes and bounds for the tax lots) are possibly sufficient in this situation. He is out today and tomorrow, so the soonest I'll have an answer on that question is Monday.

Amanda

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From: Ressler, Ted <tressler@summitwr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 11:50 AM
To: MATHER Amanda L * WRD <Amanda.L.MATHER@water.oregon.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about legal description

Hi Amanda

Following up on our phone call yesterday. Provided below is the legal description as provided by the US Forest Service for the two parcels associated with the Cascade Hatchery:

“Willamette Meridian, Oregon
T. 2 N., R. 7 E.
sec. 22;
tax lot 400 and tax lot 700.
The areas described aggregate 308.16 acres.”

We have attempted to obtain additional clarification/information for the legal description from both Multnomah County and a title company, but neither had any records for the property. I also reviewed the BLM GLO records, but only located the survey plats which I don't see as providing much beyond the county tax lot map.

From: MATHER Amanda L * WRD <Amanda.L.MATHER@water.oregon.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 3:45 PM
To: Ressler, Ted <tressler@summitwr.com>
Subject: RE: Question about legal description

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Hi Ted,

Thanks for the call. Here is the website that seemed like there was a possibility of offering some help with the legal description. I didn't get a chance to do more than a brief look, though. <https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/>

Amanda

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From: Ressler, Ted <tressler@summitwr.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 2:41 PM
To: MATHER Amanda L * WRD <Amanda.L.MATHER@water.oregon.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about legal description

Thanks for confirming. If you need some additional context for the planned application, I am available this afternoon to discuss.

Ted

From: MATHER Amanda L * WRD <Amanda.L.MATHER@water.oregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 2:26 PM
To: Ressler, Ted <tressler@summitwr.com>
Subject: Question about legal description

Hi Ted,

I received your voicemail with the question about a legal description. Let me check-in with a couple people when I'm in the office tomorrow and get back to you. I'll try to give you a call late tomorrow or early Wednesday at the latest.

Thanks,
Amanda

[Amanda Mather, PhD](#)
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Updated Permit Application Forms: The application forms for new permit applications are in the process of being updated. For applications received on or after April 1, 2026, the updated application forms must be used. Please check [here](#) for the updated forms that will be available in mid-March.

Transitioning to Electronic Documents: Beginning on April 1, 2026, and unless requested otherwise by the applicant, the Department will send documents and notifications associated with processing of applications in electronic form (i.e., by email). These emails may come from an automated system (wr_d_automated_email@water.oregon.gov). Consider adding this email address to your safe sender list. The Department will continue to send Proposed Final Orders by certified mail and any permits that may be issued by standard mail.

Legal Description of Property (as provide by US Forest Service)

“Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 2 N., R. 7 E.

sec. 22;

tax lot 400 and tax lot 700.

The areas described aggregate 308.16 acres.”




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Fees

**Oregon Water Resources Department
Groundwater Application**

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Today's Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Base Application Fee.		\$2,355.00
Number of proposed cubic feet per second (cfs) to be appropriated. (1 cfs = 448.83 gallons per minute)	4	\$2,460.00
Number of proposed Use's for the appropriated water. (i.e. Irrigation, Supplemental Irrigation, Pond Maintenance, Industrial, Commercial, etc) *	1	
Number of proposed groundwater points of appropriation. (i.e. number of wells) (include all injection wells, if applicable) **	2	\$615.00
Exam Fee Subtotal:		\$5,430.00
Permit Recording Fee. ***		\$915.00
* the 1st Water Use is included in the base cost. ** the 1st groundwater point of appropriation is included in the base cost. *** the Permit Recording Fee is not required when the application is submitted but, must be paid before a permit will be issued. It is fully refundable if a permit is not issued. If the recording fee is not paid prior to issuance of the Final Order, permit issuance will be delayed.		<input type="button" value="Recalculate"/>
Total Estimated cost of Permit Application		\$6,345.00
Payment Requirements:		
Amount to be paid with application submission (60% of Exam Fee)		\$3,258.00
Amount to be paid with request to continue processing after issuance of Initial Review (40% of Exam Fee plus Permit Recording Fee ***)		\$3,087.00

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Attachment 4
Documentation of Signatory Authority



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Tina Kotek, Governor

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Fish Division, Engineering Section

4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE

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www.dfw.state.or.us

April 28th, 2026

Ryan McCormick, P.E., M.S.C.E.

Chief Engineer

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Subject: Statement of Role

To whom it may concern,

I am currently the Chief Engineer for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. My role serves to oversee all construction for the agency and to represent the Department in all matters in relation to construction with signing authority to enter into agreements with jurisdictional authorities. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,

Ryan McCormick, P.E., M.S.C.E.

Chief Engineer

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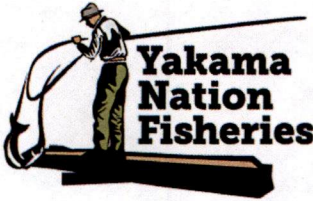
*To protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment
by present and future generations.*

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Attachment 5
Letters of Support for the Project

MEMORANDUM



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wolgt@yakamafish-nsn.gov

To: Charles R. Matteson, Facilities Engineer
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

From: Greg Wolfe, Upper-Columbia Hatchery Facility Manager
Yakama Nation Fisheries Resource Management

Date: March 12, 2026

Re: Cascade Hatchery Water Quality Improvements

Beginning in 1999, Yakama Nation's Fisheries Resource Management's vision was to re-establish naturally spawning coho Salmon populations in the Upper Wenatchee and Upper Methow River Basins of North Central Washington State. Since 2003, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's Cascade Fish Hatchery has been an essential component and valued comanager of the Tribe's long standing and effective Mid-Columbia Coho Reintroduction Project (MCCRP).

I am writing to express support for the proposed water quality improvement project at Cascade Hatchery. After 25 years working in natural resource management as a cold-water species Fish Culturist, in particular Pacific Salmon, I can convey the value of consistent water quality paired with fundamental infrastructure reliability and their correlation to producing healthy viable juvenile Salmon. In particular, the worth of hospitable hatchery in-flow water temperatures and logical sediment load.

It is wise to invest in this type of no-nonsense fish rearing infrastructure when the opportunity presents itself. This project will return immediate benefits as well as provide a long-term solution to a difficult problem.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at wolg@yakamafish-nsn.gov or phone at (509) 881-0674.

Thank you, Greg Wolfe

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Nez Perce Tribe
Department of Fisheries Resource Management
Production Division



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DT: April 10, 2026

TO: Charles R. Matteson, Facilities Engineer, ODFW

FR: Rebecca Johnson, Production Division Director

CC: Andrew Gibbs, ODFW
Alex Clark, ODFW

RE: Cascade Hatchery Water Quality and Groundwater Supply Improvements

I am writing to express support for the proposed water quality and ground water supply improvement project at Cascade Hatchery

Cascade Hatchery is a critical rearing facility for coho salmon that are part of the Snake Basin reintroduction and restoration initiative for a species that was extirpated for decades. In 2017, coho salmon reared at Cascade Hatchery were transported and released in the Lostine River in Northeast Oregon after being absent for over 50 years. The partnership between ODFW and the NPT Fisheries Department in restoring coho salmon in the Grande Ronde subbasin has been very successful.

On behalf of the Fisheries Department, we have supported infrastructure improvements at Cascade Hatchery to construct a new intake as well as other investments to produce healthy fish. We support this project to improve water quality and ground water supply to that end as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at beckyj@nezperce.org or phone at (208)791-3392.

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May 21, 2026

Eliot Crafton, Water Rights Section Manager
Oregon Water Resources Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, Oregon 97301-1271

Subject: Application for a Permit to Use Groundwater
Cascade Fish Hatchery – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Mr. Crafton:

On behalf of the applicant, ODFW, please find enclosed an Application for a Permit to Use Groundwater accompanied by a check in the amount of \$3,258 for payment of the portion of the application filing fee required for submittal (60% of the total examination fee).

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed application, you can reach me at 503-701-4535. Please copy me on any correspondence regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore R. Ressler, RG, CWRE
Summit Water Resources LLC

Cc: Alex Clark – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Enclosures:

Application for a Permit to Use Groundwater
Check #86188 in the amount of \$3,258

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