

Application for an Emergency Use Permit for Groundwater (Drought)



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Emergency Use Permit Application Processing

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 536.700-780 and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-019-0040(1) authorize the Director, after the Governor declares that a severe, continuing drought exists, to issue emergency-use permits to replace water not available under an existing right because of the drought. Each application must be for use in a designated drought area.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to widespread drought and decreasing groundwater levels, if a drought emergency is declared in Klamath County, it is unlikely that the Oregon Water Resources Department (Department) will issue Drought Emergency Use Permits for groundwater.

A portion of the application fees for Drought Emergency Use Permits is non-refundable. If the Department evaluates a drought permit application and determines that a permit cannot be issued, the recording fee is refunded, and the Department will retain the exam fee.

1. Completeness Determination

The Department evaluates whether the application and accompanying map contain all of the information required under OAR 690-019-0040, OAR 690-019-0050, and OAR 690-019-0100 (www.oregon.gov/owrd/law). When an application does not contain all the information and supporting material required by the application form and these rules, the application will be declared incomplete, and the applicant notified. Additionally, the application may be returned with a request for additional information, and the applicant will have 30 days to complete the application. If the applicant fails to complete the application within 30 days, it will be rejected.

2. Public Notice

Public notice of receipt of emergency use applications and approval of such applications will be included in the Department's regular public notice of applications.

3. Final Order Issued

The Director shall approve an application for emergency water use upon findings that the proposed use will not cause injury to existing water rights and will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest. In evaluating whether the proposed use will impair or be detrimental to the public interest, the Director shall consider the factors described in OAR 690-310-0120 and OAR 690-310-0130.

Minimum Requirements Checklist

Minimum Requirements (OAR 690-310-0040, OAR 690-310-0050, ORS 537.615 & OAR 690-019-0040)

Include this checklist with the application

Check that each of the following items is included. The application will be returned if all required items are not included. 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
- ☒ SECTION 3: WELL DEVELOPMENT
- ☒ SECTION 4: WATER USE
- ☒ SECTION 5: WATER MANAGEMENT
- ☒ SECTION 6: WITHIN A DISTRICT
- ☒ SECTION 7: DROUGHT INFORMATION
- ☐ SECTION 8: KLAMATH BASIN WELL INFORMATION

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Attachments:

- ☒ Fees - Amount enclosed: \$ 600
\$200 - Examination fee
\$400 - Recording fee for the first cubic foot per second (CFS) or fraction thereof, and \$100 for each additional CFS or fraction thereof
** one CFS equals 448.831 gallons per minute*

Provide a map and check that each of the following items is included:

- ☒ Permanent quality and drawn in ink
- ☒ Even map scale not less than 4" = 1 mile (example: 1" = 400 ft, 1" = 1320 ft, etc.)
- ☒ North Directional Symbol
- ☒ Township, Range, Section, Quarter/Quarter, Tax Lots
- ☒ Reference corner on map
- ☒ Location of each well, and/or dam if applicable, by reference to a recognized public land survey corner (distances north/south and east/west). Each well must be identified by a unique name and/or number.
- ☒ Indicate the area of use by Quarter/Quarter and tax lot clearly identified
- ☒ Number of acres per Quarter/Quarter and hatching to indicate area of use if for supplemental irrigation or nursery
- ☒ Location of main canals, ditches, pipelines or flumes
- ☐ Other: _____

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SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE

Applicant Information

NAME MICHAEL AND KERI FORNEY		PHONE (HM)	
PHONE (WK)	CELL 5416603451	FAX	
ADDRESS 8883 WAGNER CREEK ROAD			
CITY TALENT	STATE OR	ZIP 97540	E-MAIL* michael@williams wonder farms.com

Organization Information

NAME WILLIAM HILL / WJ HOLDINGS LLC		PHONE 971.221.7364	FAX
ADDRESS 5693 EAST EVANS CREEK RD		CELL	
CITY ROGUE RIVER	STATE OR	ZIP 97537	E-MAIL* WILL@WILLIAMSWONDERFARMS.COM

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

AGENT / BUSINESS NAME RICK PARSONS, PARSONSWATER CONSULTING, LLC		PHONE 541.499.0257	FAX
ADDRESS 1619 MINEAR RD		CELL 303.667.5067	
CITY MEDFORD	STATE OR	ZIP 97501	E-MAIL* RICK.PARSONS@PARSONSWATER.COM

Note: Attach multiple copies as needed

* By providing an e-mail address, consent is given to receive all correspondence from the Department electronically.
(A paper copy of the final order will also be mailed.)

By my signature below I confirm that I understand:

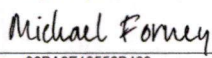
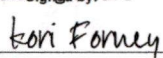
- I am asking to use water specifically as described in this application.
- Evaluation of this application will be based on information provided in the application.
- I cannot use water legally until the Water Resources Department issues a permit.
- Oregon law requires that a permit be issued before beginning construction of any proposed well. Acceptance of this application neither guarantees an emergency use permit will be issued nor indicates that a permanent water right may be obtained.
- If I get 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 get water to which they are entitled.

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

	Michael Forney	7/14/2026
Applicant Signature	Print Name and title if applicable	Date
	Keri Forney	7/14/2026
Applicant Signature	Print Name and title if applicable	Date
	William Hill	7/14/2026
DocuSigned by:		

SECTION 2: 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.
☐ This land is encumbered by easements, rights of way, roads or other encumbrances.

☐ No

- ☐ I have a recorded easement or written authorization permitting access.
☐ I do not currently have written authorization or easement permitting access.
☐ Written authorization or an easement is not necessary, because the only affected lands I do not own are state-owned submersible lands, and this application is for irrigation and/or domestic use only (ORS 274.040).
☐ Water is to be diverted, conveyed, and/or used only on federal lands.

List the names and mailing addresses of all affected landowners (*attach additional sheets if necessary*).

SECTION 3: WELL DEVELOPMENT

WELL NO.	NAME OF NEAREST SURFACE WATER	IF LESS THAN 1 MILE:	
		DISTANCE TO NEAREST SURFACE WATER	ELEVATION CHANGE BETWEEN NEAREST SURFACE WATER AND WELL HEAD
JACK 63222	EVANS CREEK	1400 FT	15 FT

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 3: WELL DEVELOPMENT, CONTINUED

Source (aquifer), if known: BEDROCK

Total maximum rate requested: 16

(each well will be evaluated at the maximum rate unless you indicate well-specific rates and annual volumes in the table below)

Complete the table below. If this is an existing well, the following 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.

OWNER'S WELL NAME OR NO.	PROPOSED	EXISTING	WELL ID (WELL TAG) NO.* 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)	ANNUAL VOLUME (ACRE-FEET)
FORNEY	☐	☒	JACK 63222	☐	6"	60	240	36	12	BEDROCK	240'	16	8.5
	☐	☐		☐									
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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.

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SECTION 4: WATER USE

USE	PERIOD OF USE	ANNUAL VOLUME (ACRE-FEET)
IRRIGATION	THROUGH OCT 31, 2026	8.5

Rights affected by drought:

County in which use will occur: JACKSON

(if the right is located in Klamath Basin/County you must complete Section 8)

Please indicate the total number of acres to be irrigated (must match map): 20 acres

List the Permit or Certificate number(s) of the water right(s) affected by drought: C-48874

Indicate the maximum total number of acre-feet you expect to use in an irrigation season: 7.5

SECTION 5: WATER MANAGEMENT

A. Diversion and Conveyance

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

☒ Pump (give horsepower and type): 5 HP SUBMERSIBLE

☐ Other means (describe): _____

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

WATER PUMPED FROM WELL TO 4-2500 GALLON HOLDING TANKS. WATER FROM TANKS CONVEYED TO ALL FARMS INTO DRIP TAPE USED FOR IRRIGATION OF PLANTS.

B. Conservation

Please describe why the amount of water requested is needed and measures you propose to: prevent waste; measure the amount of water diverted; and prevent the discharge of contaminated water to a surface stream.

NO WASTE ANTICIPATED. WATER DELIVERY SCHEDULE IS ON A TIMER. PUMPING AMOUNTS WILL BE RECORDED.

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SECTION 6: WITHIN A DISTRICT

☐ Check here if any of the water rights affected by drought are located within or served by an irrigation or other water district.

Irrigation District Name	Address	
City	State	Zip

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the irrigation district transferred the primary irrigation water right to another place of use for this irrigation season?

Projected irrigation season allotment, if known: _____

SECTION 7: DROUGHT INFORMATION

Explain how drought conditions have created an inability to obtain water under your existing right(s), and any other remarks to clarify any other information (*attach additional sheets as necessary*).

CONCERNS DUE TO DROPPING WATER LEVELS IN RESPONSE TO LIMITED SNOWPACK AND WARM SUMMER TEMPERATURES

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SECTION 8: KLAMATH BASIN/COUNTY WELL INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the pervasive drought and rapidly declining groundwater levels in the Klamath Basin, the Oregon Water Resources Department is unlikely to issue Drought Emergency Use Permits for groundwater in the Klamath Basin.

A functioning, totalizing flowmeter will be required for any drought permits issued. Is there currently a flowmeter installed on each of the PODs listed in the table in Section 3 of this application? ☐ Yes ☐ No*

*Please note that watermaster staff will visit the well to confirm flowmeter presence prior to issuance of an emergency drought groundwater permit. Where possible, watermaster staff will take a static water level measurement. Alterations to the well head may be required in order to make the water level measurements and these may be conditions of the permit.

For each well, please provide a description of the flowmeter location, the serial number, the current flowmeter reading and the date the reading was taken in the table below.

OWNER'S WELL NAME OR NUMBER.	WELL TAG NUMBER (IF AVAILABLE)	WELL LOG ID (E.G., KLAM 1234)	FLOWMETER SERIAL NUMBER	FLOWMETER READING	FLOWMETER DATE	FLOWMETER LOCATION

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Date _____

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WE ARE RETURNING YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON(S):

- ☐ SECTION 1: _____
- ☐ SECTION 2: _____
- ☐ SECTION 3: _____
- ☐ SECTION 4: _____
- ☐ SECTION 5: _____
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MAP

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STATE OF OREGON

WATER SUPPLY WELL REPORT

(as required by ORS 537.765 & OAR 690-205-0210)

JACK 63222

10/3/2017

WELL I.D. LABEL# L

START CARD #

ORIGINAL LOG #

127481

1036381

(1) LAND OWNER

Owner Well I.D. _____

First Name MICHAEL

Last Name FORNEY

Company _____

Address 8835 WAGNER CREEK RD.

City TALENT

State OR

Zip 97540

(2) TYPE OF WORK

☒ New Well ☐ Deepening ☐ Conversion☐ Alteration (complete 2a & 10) ☐ Abandonment (complete 5a)

(2a) PRE-ALTERATION

Casing: Dia + From To Gauge Stl Plstc Wld Thrd

Material From To Amt sacks/lbs

Seal: _____

(3) DRILL METHOD

☒ Rotary Air ☐ Rotary Mud ☐ Cable ☐ Auger ☐ Cable Mud☐ Reverse Rotary ☐ Other _____

(4) PROPOSED USE

☒ Domestic ☐ Irrigation ☐ Community☐ Industrial/ Commercial ☐ Livestock ☐ Dewatering☐ Thermal ☐ Injection ☐ Other _____

(5) BORE HOLE CONSTRUCTION

Special Standard ☐ (Attach copy)

Depth of Completed Well 240.00 ft.

BORE HOLE

Dia	From	To	Material	From	To	Amt	sacks/lbs
10	0	36	Bentonite Chips	0	36	91	S
6	36	240				Calculated	16.43
						Calculated	

How was seal placed: Method ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E☒ Other DRY POURED

Backfill placed from _____ ft. to _____ ft. Material _____

Filter pack from _____ ft. to _____ ft. Material _____ Size _____

Explosives used: ☐ Yes Type _____ Amount _____

(5a) ABANDONMENT USING UNHYDRATED BENTONITE

Proposed Amount

Actual Amount

(6) CASING/LINER

Casing	Liner	Dia	+	From	To	Gauge	Stl	Plstc	Wld	Thrd
☒	☒	6	☒	2	58	.250	☒	☒	☒	☒
☐	☐	4	☐	2	240	SCH40	☐	☐	☐	☐

Shoe ☐ Inside ☒ Outside ☐ Other Location of shoe(s) 58Temp casing ☐ Yes Dia _____ From + _____ To _____

(7) PERFORATIONS/SCREENS

Perforations Method AIR / SAW CUT

Screens Type _____

Material _____

Perf/ Screen	Casing/ Liner	Dia	From	To	Scrm/slot width	Slot length	# of slots	Tele/ pipe size
Perf	Casing	6	47	56	.188	1	216	
Perf	Liner	4	220	240	.188	4	60	

(8) WELL TESTS: Minimum testing time is 1 hour

☐ Pump ☐ Bailer ☒ Air ☐ Flowing Artesian

Yield gal/min	Drawdown	Drill stem/Pump depth	Duration (hr)
16		240	2

Temperature 55 °F Lab analysis ☐ Yes By _____Water quality concerns? ☐ Yes (describe below) TDS amount 170 ppm

From	To	Description	Amount	Units

(9) LOCATION OF WELL (legal description)

County JACKSON Twp 35.00 S N/S Range 4.00 W E/W WM

Sec 22 SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Tax Lot 2000

Tax Map Number _____ Lot _____

Lat _____ " or 42.50771000 DMS or DD

Long _____ " or -123.16837000 DMS or DD

☐ Street address of well ☒ Nearest address

EAST EVANS CREEK RD. TL 2000

(10) STATIC WATER LEVEL

Date SWL(psi) + SWL(ft)

Existing Well / Pre-Alteration _____

Completed Well 9/22/2017 12

Flowing Artesian? ☐ Dry Hole? ☐

WATER BEARING ZONES

Depth water was first found 47.00

SWL Date From To Est Flow SWL(psi) + SWL(ft)

9/22/2017	47	56	11		12
9/22/2017	162	164	5		12

(11) WELL LOG

Ground Elevation _____

Material	From	To
BROWN/RED CLAY	0	5
BROWN DECOMP GRANITE & GRAVEL	5	46
BROWN & WHITE GRANITE MEDIUM	46	56
BLACK/WHITE GRANITE MEDIUM	56	240

Date Started 9/21/2017 Completed 9/22/2017

(unbonded) Water Well Constructor Certification

I certify that the work I performed on the construction, deepening, alteration, or abandonment of this well is in compliance with Oregon water supply well construction standards. Materials used and information reported above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

License Number 1994 Date 10/2/2017

Signed SHAWN PETERSON (E-filed)

(bonded) Water Well Constructor Certification

I accept responsibility for the construction, deepening, alteration, or abandonment work performed on this well during the construction dates reported above. All work performed during this time is in compliance with Oregon water supply well construction standards. This report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

License Number 1835 Date 10/3/2017

Signed KEVIN D GILL (E-filed)

Contact Info (optional) CLOUSER DRILLING INC.

ORIGINAL - WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

THIS REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF WORK Form Version:

**STATE OF OREGON
WELL LOCATION MAP**

This map is supplemental to the WATER SUPPLY WELL REPORT

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LOCATION OF WELL

Latitude: 42.5077

Datum: WGS84

Longitude: -123.1684

Township/Range/Section/Quarter-Quarter Section:

WM 35S 4W 22 SWSW

Address of Well:

EAST EVANS CREEK RD. TL 2000

Well Label: L127481

Well Log: JACK 63222

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DISCLAIMER: This map is intended to represent the approximate location of the exempt use well provided by the land owner. It is not intended to be construed as survey accurate in any manner.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING A LOCAL)
DROUGHT STATE OF EMERGENCY AND)
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE)
A STATE DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOR)
JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON)

ORDER NO. 78-26

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners finds that the County's agricultural and livestock industries, and the economy that depends on them, are anticipated to suffer widespread and substantial economic damage, potential injuries, and property loss resulting from extreme weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the extreme weather conditions are anticipated to impact municipal water systems' ability to deliver water for household and business needs; and

WHEREAS, annual water supplies available to municipal water systems, irrigators, and ranchers in Jackson County depend on water stored in the Rogue and Applegate Rivers, and other natural bodies of water, and in reservoirs including, Fish and Fourmile Lakes, as well as estimated seasonal inflow from winter snowpack; and

WHEREAS, a call for water has been issued for Upper Klamath Lake due to water right claim K-622, which requires a lake elevation of 4,143.00 feet at this time of year, while the current elevation is at 4,142.61 feet; and

WHEREAS, this call affects water users with junior water rights, including those on tributaries such as Fourmile Lake, which supplies the Medford Irrigation District and Rogue River Valley Irrigation District; and

WHEREAS, historically, the Districts divert approximately 6,000-acre feet annually from Fourmile Lake, but this season may receive only one-half of that amount; and

WHEREAS, a reduction of this magnitude will increase reliance on live streamflow and stored water from other reservoirs such as Emigrant, Howard Prairie, and Hyatt Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County contains approximately 40,000 acres of irrigation district lands that rely, in part, on stored water, and many irrigation districts may choose to delay opening day and may be forced to curtail water deliveries later this summer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to irrigation district lands, approximately 170,000 acres of irrigated lands with individual water rights will also be affected by low reservoir and streamflow levels; and

WHEREAS, many municipal water systems, farmers, ranchers, and vineyards depend solely on natural water sources that are not supplemented by reservoir storage, and these natural tributaries to the Rogue and Applegate Rivers are in extreme jeopardy of drying up as they rely on annual snowpack; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners determines that extraordinary measures are required to alleviate hardship for people and livestock, mitigate economic loss, and respond to heightened wildfire risk.

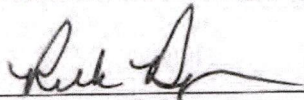
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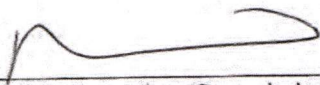
The Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County hereby ORDERS:

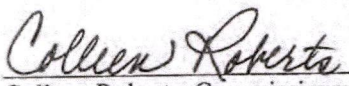
1. A local state of emergency is declared in Jackson County for the purpose of assessment, evaluation, and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources due to drought conditions.
2. The Drought Annex of the Jackson County Emergency Operations Plan has been implemented.
3. Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 401.165, a copy of this signed Order shall be sent to The Honorable Tina Kotek, Governor of Oregon, through the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, requesting that the Governor declare a State Drought Emergency for all of Jackson County under ORS 536.740 due to elevated and continuing drought conditions beginning now and continuing for an undetermined period. The Board further requests that the Governor direct the Oregon Water Resources Department to make available in Jackson County: temporary transfers of water rights, emergency water use permits, use of existing right option agreements, preference for municipal, livestock, human consumption, and any other Federal and State drought assistance and programs as needed.
4. This declaration of a local state of emergency shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DATED this 1st day of April, 2026, at Medford, Oregon.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Rick Dyer, Chair


Randy Sparacino, Commissioner


Colleen Roberts, Commissioner