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To: Tony Janicek, Interim Well Construction Section Manager
From: Tommy Laird, Well Construction Compliance Coordinator
Subject: Review of Water Right Application G-19495
Date: August 6, 2026

The attached application was forwarded to the Well Construction Section by the Groundwater Section. James Hootsmans reviewed the application. Please see James's Groundwater Review and the Well Report.

Applicant's Well #1 (BENT 2288): Based on a review of the Well Report, Applicant's Well #1 does not appear to comply with current minimum well construction standards (See OAR 690 Division 210). The problem is that according to the Water Supply Well Report, the wellhead is flush with land surface. In addition, the well is only sealed to 18 feet below land surface, instead of the required 20 feet. In order to meet minimum construction standards, the well must be resealed with an approved grout to a minimum depth of 20 feet. In addition, the casing must extend a minimum of 12 inches above the finished ground surface or pumphouse floor, and a minimum of 12 inches above the local surface runoff level.

My recommendation is that the Department **not issue** a permit for Applicant's Well #1 unless it is brought into compliance with current minimum well construction standards or information is provided showing that it is constructed to meet current minimum well construction standards.

The repair of Well #1 may not satisfy hydraulic connection issues to surface water.

