Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Right Services Division

Water Right Application G-19064 in the name of JARED J. HENDERSON and EMILY S. HENDERSON	)))	PROPOSED FINAL ORDER

Summary: The Department proposes to issue an order approving Application G-19064 and a permit consistent with the attached draft permit.

This Proposed Final Order shall become a final order on the date that is 33 days after the close of the time period for submitting a protest with no further action required by the Department unless a timely protest is received or the Proposed Final Order is withdrawn by the Department. ORS 536.077(4) and (5).

Authority

The application is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.615 through 537.628, and 390.826, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 5, 8, 9, 33, 300, 310, 400, 410, and the Willamette Basin Program (OAR 690-502). These statutes and rules can be viewed on the following website: www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/policylawandrules

The Department's main website can be found at: www.oregon.gov/OWRD

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 if:

a) The proposed use is allowed in the applicable basin program established pursuant to ORS 536.300 and 536.340 or given a preference under ORS 536.310(12);

b) Water is available;

c) The proposed use will not injure other water rights; and

d) The proposed use complies with the rules of the Commission.

ORS 537.621(2); OAR 690-310-0130.

All four criteria must be met for a proposed use to be presumed to ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health. When the criteria are met and the presumption is established, the Department shall further evaluate the proposed use, any comments received, information available in its files or received from other interested agencies, and any other available information to determine whether the presumption is overcome. OAR 690-310-0140(3).

If the Department determines that the presumption is established and not overcome, the Department shall issue a Proposed Final Order recommending issuance of the permit subject to any appropriate modifications or conditions.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Application History

1. On February 24, 2021, Jared J. Henderson and Emily S. Henderson filed a complete application for the following water use:

Source:	A WELL IN FLAT CREEK BASIN
Use:	IRRIGATION OF 41.9 ACRES
Rate:	0.52 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND (CFS), FURTHER LIMITED TO 104.75 ACRE-FEET (AF) ANNUALLY
Period of Use:	MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31
County:	LANE COUNTY
Place of Use:	SECTIONS 34 AND 35, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, W.M.

2. On April 1, 2022, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, determining that the appropriation of 0.52 CFS of water from Well 1 in Flat Creek Basin for irrigation of 41.9 acres is allowable March 1 through October 31 of each year. The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.

3. On April 5, 2022, the Department provided notice of the application in its weekly public notice, requesting comments and providing information for interested persons about obtaining future notices and a copy of the Proposed Final Order.

4. On April 17, 2023, the Department's groundwater section issued a re-review of the application. The review determined that groundwater for the proposed use is not over-appropriated.

Presumption Criterion (a) - Consistency with Basin Program

5. Irrigation is allowed under the Willamette Basin Program (OAR 690-502-0160(2)). ORS 537.621(3)(a)(B); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)(B).

6. The proposed groundwater use is not within a designated critical groundwater area. ORS 537.621(3)(a)(B); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)(B).

Presumption Criterion (b) - Water Availability

7. An assessment of groundwater availability has been completed by the Department. A copy of this assessment is in the file and can be viewed on the Department's website. Groundwater for the proposed use is not over-appropriated. In addition, the Department has determined that the proposed groundwater use will not have the potential for substantial interference (PSI) with surface water. OAR 690-009-0040. Therefore, water is available for the proposed use. ORS 537.621(3)(a)(C); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)(C); OAR 690-300-0010(57).

Presumption Criterion (c) - Injury Determination

8. If properly conditioned (and if authorized), the proposed use of groundwater will not injure other water rights. ORS 537.621(3)(a)(D); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)(E).

Presumption Criterion (d) - Whether the Use Complies with Rules of the Commission

9. Documentation has been submitted from the relevant land-use planning jurisdiction that indicates the proposed use is allowed outright. ORS 537.621(3)(a)(B); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)(B).

10. The proposed use is not located within or above a state scenic waterway, as designated under ORS 390.826. OAR 690-310-0260.

Presumption that a Proposed Use will Ensure the Preservation of the Public Welfare, Safety and Health under ORS 537.525

Based on the review of the presumption criteria (a)-(d) above, the presumption has been established. ORS 537.621(2); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)(G).

Further Evaluation of the Proposed Use

11. No comments were received by the close of the comment period. OAR 690-310-0140(3)(a).

12. Information available in Department files, received from other interested agencies, and other available information does not provide a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use would not ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525. OAR 690-310-0140(3).

Other Criteria and Requirements

13. The amount of water requested, 0.52 CFS, further limited to 104.75 AF annually, is necessary for the proposed use. ORS 537.621(3)(a)(C); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)(D).

14. The applicant proposed measures to prevent waste, measure the amount of water appropriated, prevent damage to aquatic life and riparian habitat, prevent discharge of contaminated water to a surface stream and to prevent damage to public uses of any affected surface waters. These measures are included in Sections 6 and 8 of the application. OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)(J).

15. The proposed use complies with rules of the Water Resources Commission not otherwise described above.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The proposed use, as conditioned, would ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.

NOTE: When issuing permits, ORS 537.628(1) authorizes the Department to include limitations and conditions which have been determined necessary to protect the public welfare, safety and health.

PROPOSED ORDER

The Department recommends approval of Application G-19064 and issuance of a permit consistent with the attached draft permit.

Pursuant to ORS 536.077(4) and (5), if no protest of this Proposed Final Order is received by the Department on or before October 30, 2026, and the Department does not withdraw this Proposed Final Order on or before December 2, 2026, this Proposed Final Order is a final order without any further action by the Department on December 2, 2026.

DATED September 15, 2026



Raymond Eliot Crafton
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Ivan Gall, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

Protests and Requests for Party Status

The following sections explain how to: (1) file a protest in opposition to this Proposed Final Order to request a contested case hearing on this Proposed Final Order; and (2) file a request for party status to request to participate in any contested case proceeding in support of this Proposed Final Order.

Protests: Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(6) and ORS 536.077(1) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(6) and ORS 536.077(1) (for groundwater), any person may protest this Proposed Final Order. Protests may be mailed or hand delivered to the Oregon Water Resources Department at 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301. If you submit a protest by U.S. mail, please consider mailing early to ensure the Department receives the protest by the deadline. Protests may be emailed to will.d.davidson@water.oregon.gov, but payment of Protest fees cannot be accepted electronically and must be received by the Department by mail or hand delivery prior to the deadline. Protests and protest fees must be received by the Water Resources Department no later than **October 30, 2026.**

Protests must meet the following requirements:

- Be in writing;
- Include the protestant's name, address, telephone number, and email address, if the protestant has an email address;
- Include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the protestant's attorney, if the protestant is represented by an attorney;
- Include a description of the protestant's interest in the Proposed Final Order, and, if the protestant claims to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
- Include a detailed description of how the action proposed in the Proposed Final Order would impair or be detrimental to the protestant's interest and/or the claimed public interest;
- Identify which of the Proposed Final Order's recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law or conditions of approval the protestant objects to;
- Raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and include all reasonably available arguments that support the protestant's position, which may include arguments related to the public welfare, safety and health presumption factors under ORS 537.621(2) and the public welfare, safety and health factors under ORS 537.625(4);
- Include any citation of legal authority to support the protest, if known;
- Explain how the issues raised in the protest are within the Department's jurisdiction;
- If the protestant is the applicant, include a protest fee of $720 required by ORS 536.050; and
- If the protestant is not the applicant, include a protest fee of $1,425 required by ORS 536.050.

If a timely protest is filed, after the protest period has ended, the Director will: (1) issue a final order if the applicant has not filed a protest and the Director finds that there are no significant issues related to the proposed use of water; (2) schedule a contested case hearing if a protest has been submitted; or (3) provide any person who timely submitted a protest or request for party status with an estimate of the timing of referring the case to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing.

Requests for Party Status: Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(6) and ORS 536.077(2) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(6) and ORS 536.077(2) (for groundwater), if this Proposed Final Order is protested, any person who supports this Proposed Final Order may file a request for party status to request to participate in any contested case proceeding on the Proposed Final Order or for judicial review of a final order resulting from the Proposed Final Order. There is no need for the applicant to file a request for party status. The applicant will automatically be a party to any contested case proceeding on this Proposed Final Order. Requests for party status may be mailed or hand delivered to the Oregon Water Resources Department at 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301. If you submit a request for party status by U.S. mail, please consider mailing early to ensure the Department receives the request by the deadline. Requests for party status may be emailed to will.d.davidson@water.oregon.gov, but payment of request for party status fees cannot be accepted electronically and must be received by the Department by mail or hand delivery prior to the deadline. Requests for party status and request for party status fees must be received by the Water Resources Department no later than **November 30, 2026**.

Requests for party status must be in writing and include the following:

- Names, addresses, and email addresses (if any) of the requestor and any organization the requestor represents;
- Name, address, and email address of the requestor's attorney, if any;
- A statement of whether the request is for participation as a party or a limited party, and, if as a limited party, the precise area or areas in which participation is sought;
- If the requestor seeks to protect a personal interest in the outcome of any contested case hearing on the Proposed Final Order, a detailed statement of the requestor's interest, economic or otherwise, and how such interest may be affected by the results of the hearing;
- If the requestor seeks to represent a public interest in the results of any contested case hearing on the Proposed Final Order, a detailed statement of such public interest, the manner in which such public interest will be affected by the results of the hearing, and the requestor's qualifications to represent such public interest;
- A statement of the reasons why existing parties to the proceeding cannot adequately represent the private and/or public interest(s) the requestor seeks to represent; and
- The request for party status fee of $1,425 required by ORS 536.077(2)(b)(C) and ORS 536.050.

After the deadline for requests for party status, the Department will provide copies of any timely requests for party status, accept responses to requests for party status, and consider and rule on timely requests for party status as provided in OAR 690-002-0225.

Additional Notices

Notice of requirement to provide updated contact information: Parties must timely provide the Department with updated contact information, including any change of address or primary means of electronic communication. The contact information provided in the protest or request for party status, as applicable, is presumed to be valid for the purposes of service and notification of upcoming referral to the Office of Administrative Hearings unless timely updated by the party. OAR 609-002-0081.

Notice of the circumstances under which this Proposed Final Order will become a final order: If no protest of this Proposed Final Order is timely received and the Department does not withdraw this Proposed Final Order for reconsideration within 33 days after the close of the period for submitting a

protest, this Proposed Final Order will become a final order on the date that is 33 days after the close of the period for submitting a protest, with no further action required by the Department. If a protest or protests are timely received, but later: (1) all timely-filed protests are withdrawn and the withdrawals are not based on a settlement agreement requiring changes to this Proposed Final Order; (2) all protestants fail to appear at a scheduled hearing; or (3) all protestants notify the Department or the administrative law judge that the protestants will not appear at a scheduled hearing, the protestants will have waived any right to a hearing, and the Department or the administrative law judge will issue an order dismissing the protests and notifying the parties that this Proposed Final Order has become a final order. OAR 690-002-0235; OAR 137-003-0672. The Department designates the relevant portions of its file on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for the purpose of proving a prima facie case upon default. OAR 137-003-0672.

Notice of right to be represented by an attorney: You may be represented by an attorney at any contested case hearing on this Proposed Final Order. Legal aid organizations may be able to assist a party with limited financial resources. Generally, partnerships, corporations, associations, governmental subdivisions or public or private organizations are represented by an attorney. However, consistent with OAR 690-002-0020 and OAR 137-003-0555, an "authorized representative" as defined at OAR 137-003-0555(1)(b) may represent a partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or public or private organization if the Department determines that appearance of a person by an authorized representative will not hinder the orderly and timely development of the record in this case.

Notice to active duty servicemembers: Active-duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. App. §§501-597b. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 971-355-4127, or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through http://legalassistance.law.af.mil.

- If you have any questions about statements contained in this document, please contact Lucinda Vranizan at Lucinda.R.Vranizan@water.oregon.gov or 971-375-2256.

- If you have questions about how to file a protest or a request for party status, or if you have previously filed a protest or a request for party status and you want to know the status, please contact Will Davidson at Will.D.Davidson@water.oregon.gov or 503-507-2749.

- If you have any questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at 503-986-0900.

- Address any correspondence to: Water Right Services Division
  725 Summer St NE, Suite A
  Salem, OR 97301-1266

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF LANE

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

JARED J. HENDERSON
EMILY S. HENDERSON
91455 RIVER RD
JUNCTION CITY OR 97448

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-19064

SOURCE OF WATER: A WELL IN FLAT CREEK BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: IRRIGATION OF 41.9 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 0.52 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND (CFS), FURTHER LIMITED TO 104.75 ACRE-FEET ANNUALLY

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: FEBRUARY 24, 2021

AUTHORIZED POINT OF APPROPRIATION:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
16 S	4 W	WM	35	NW SW	790 FEET SOUTH AND 590 FEET EAST FROM W1/4 CORNER, SECTION 35

The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 2.5 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

AUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
16 S	4 W	WM	34	SE NE	5.9
16 S	4 W	WM	34	NE SE	16.1
16 S	4 W	WM	35	SW NW	8.3
16 S	4 W	WM	35	NW SW	11.6

PERMIT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

1. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.

2. **Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting:**

   A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the device in good working order.

   B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the device; provided however, where any device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

   C. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the volume of water used each month, and shall submit an annual report which includes the recorded water-use measurements to the Department annually, or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.

   D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

3. **Groundwater Level Measurement, Reporting, and Shut-Off Condition:**

   For each well on this authorization, beginning on the permit signature date for existing wells or in the year well construction is completed for new wells, and each year thereafter, the permit holder must report a static water-level measurement ("measurement") taken in March. The measurement is required whether the well is used or not. If pumping is to commence following completion of the well and prior to the next March, then a measurement must be made at least one week following well completion and before pumping commences.

   Measurements must be properly reported within 30 days of measurement using forms specified by the Department. A measurement will be properly reported if the submission includes all required information as listed in the document attached. Measurements must be made with equipment that is accurate to the standards specified in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-217-0045. Measurements must be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed land surveyor, licensed well constructor, pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board, or Department staff. The Department is not responsible for regular measurement of the static water level, but Department staff may measure the well during the normal course of groundwater level monitoring or to confirm the submitted measurement(s).

   For each well on this permit, the Department will establish a reference groundwater level using the best available data. The reference level is intended to represent the highest elevation (shallowest depth) static water level that has been measured or can be reasonably estimated to have existed

within each well at any time before its reference level is set. If Annual High Water Levels have been increased measurably by human activity, then the Department may set a different reference level using best available information. If the permit holder fails to measure and report the static water level within 12 months of permit issuance, or of completion of the well(s), then Department staff will estimate the static water level using available data, including measurements in surrounding wells. In case the permit is amended or the subsequent certificate is transferred, the Department may establish a new reference level for any new or additional wells under new permits or certificates issued under this right. The reference level for a new or additional well should reflect the highest static water level in that well or, if that measurement occurred after the time represented by the original reference level, then the water level that would have been measured in that well, if the well existed and was measured at the time represented by the original reference level.

All water use authorized under this permit must immediately stop if any of the following occur:

A. Any annual high elevation static groundwater level in any well on this permit declines 25 or more feet below the reference level for that well, or

B. Groundwater levels are not measured and properly reported as specified above for any completed well that is authorized on the permit for two consecutive years, or

C. Hydraulic interference contributes to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority, at any time during the year.

The Department will determine when any of the above conditions have occurred and may order the permit holder to stop all water use under this permit. The permit holder is also responsible for stopping all water use if they become aware that any of the conditions have occurred, even without notice from the Department. Following such a stop, water use under this permit will not be allowed and may only resume once the permit holder receives notice from the Department. If the permit holder fails to stop use, then the Department may take control of the controlling works of any wells authorized under this permit and may reduce the amount of groundwater pumped until the unlawful use is eliminated.

The permit holder acknowledges that one or more of the conditions requiring stoppage of use may occur prior to any use of any well on this permit.

The Department may allow the permit holder to pause annual water level measurement and reporting requirements from some of the permitted wells if measurements from those wells are redundant with other data being collected by the Department. The permit holder must receive written notification of such an allowance before stopping measurements. If this happens, the Department may reinstate the measurement requirements at any time.

4. **Well Identification Tag:**

   Prior to using water from any well listed on this permit, the permittee shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. If the number, location, source, or construction of any well deviates from that proposed in the permit application or required by permit conditions, this permit may be subject to cancellation, unless the Department authorizes the change in writing.

2. If substantial interference with surface water or a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from any well listed on this permit, then use of water from the well(s) shall be discontinued or reduced and/or the schedule of withdrawal shall be regulated until or unless the Department approves or implements an alternative administrative action to mitigate the interference. The Department encourages junior and senior appropriators to jointly develop plans to mitigate interferences.

3. The well(s) shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Supply Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port adequate to determine water-level elevation in the well at all times.

4. Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.

5. This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.

6. By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.

DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLETION TIMELINE REQUIREMENTS

1. Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit to the Water Resources Department the results of a pump test meeting the Department's standards for each point of appropriation (well), unless an exemption has been obtained in writing under OAR 690-217. The Director may require water-level or pump-test data every ten years thereafter.

2. Construction of the well and application of the water shall be completed within seven years of the date of permit issuance. This permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if this deadline is missed. The deadline to begin construction may not be extended.

3. Within one year after making complete application of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

ISSUED _____

DRAFT - THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

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